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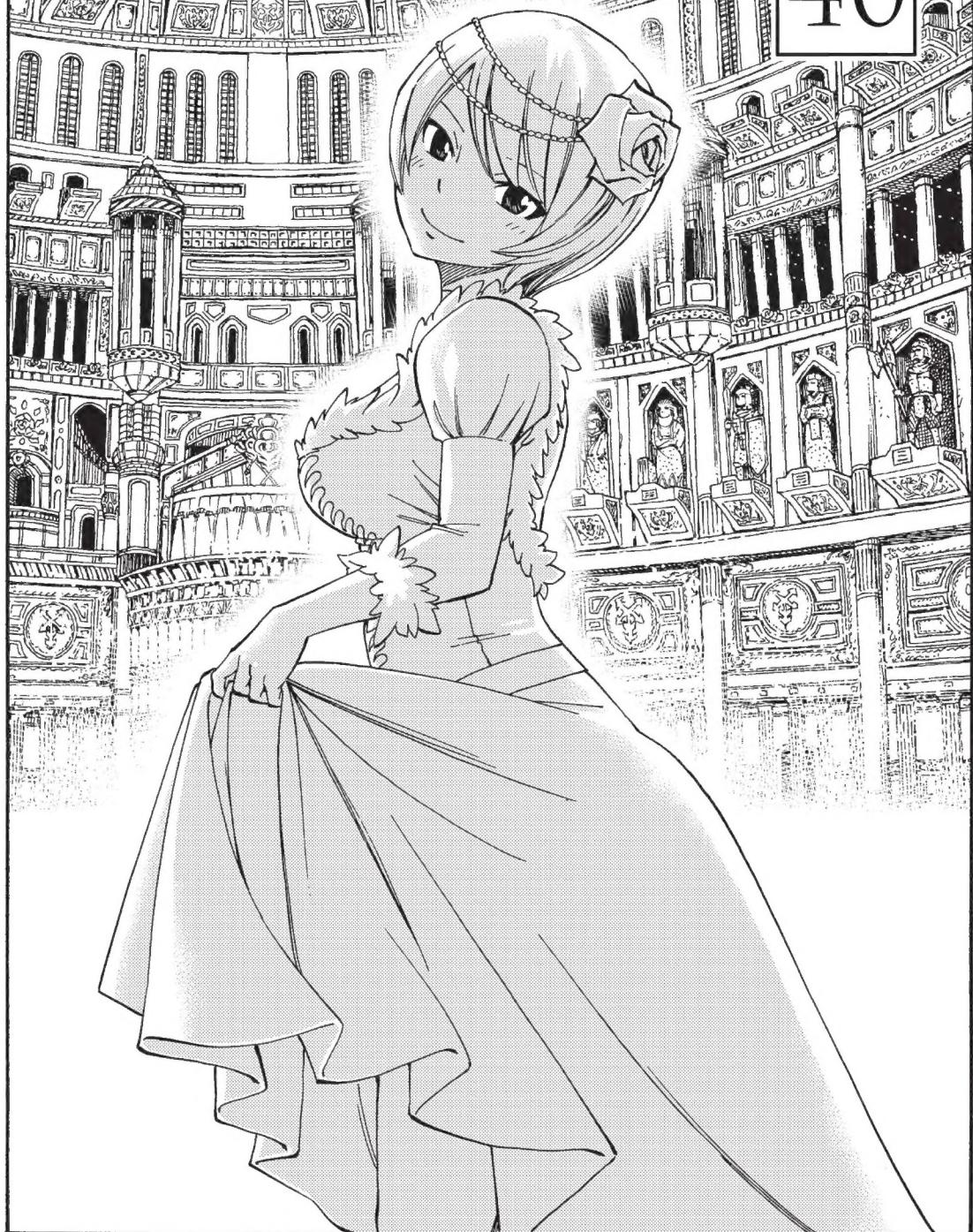
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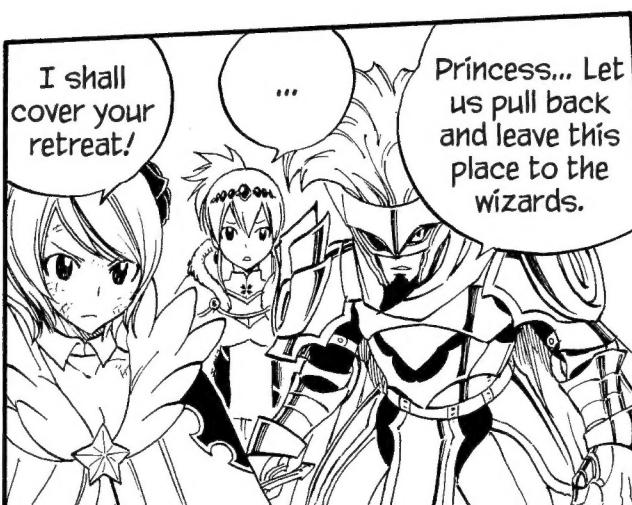
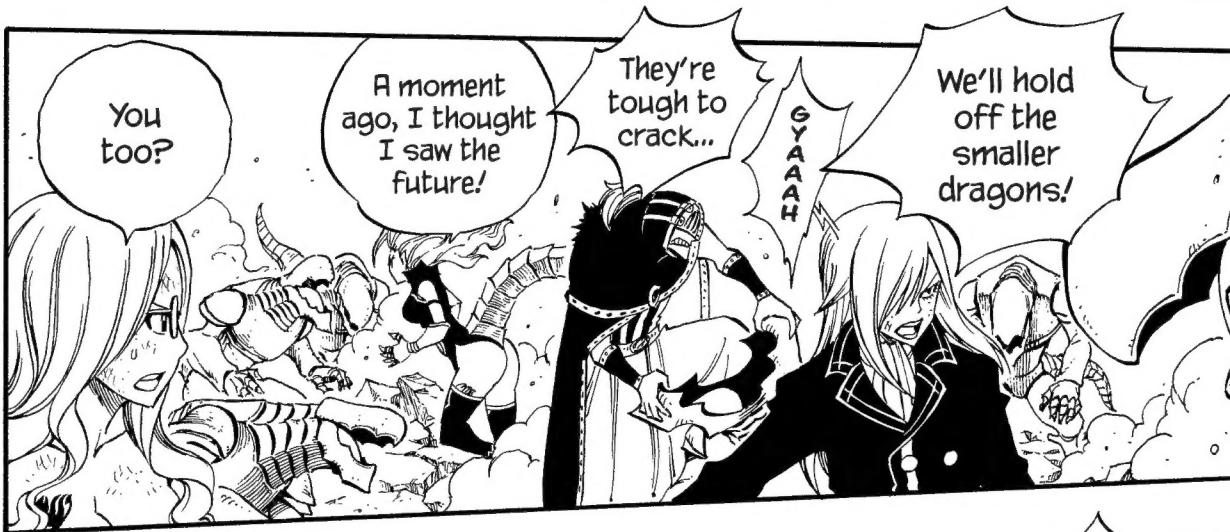
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Chapter 336: I'll Give Today All I've Got

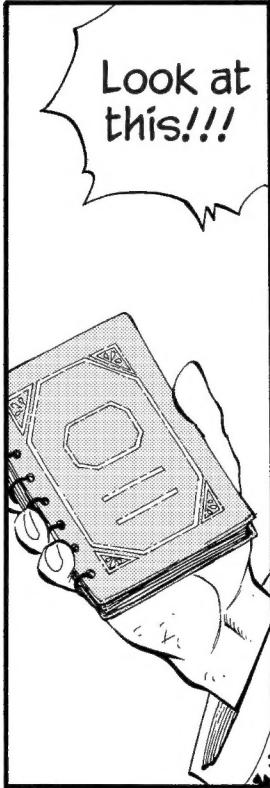






I have a duty
to watch over
these people.

No... Please
allow me to
stay here...



Look at
this!!!



Everybody
!!!!

The future
Lucy?



Look
here!

A notebook
from the
future me.

What is
this...?

What does that mean?

...the door in my future timeline would cease to exist, and therefore, so would I. I'd vanish."

"If, for any reason, the Eclipse door were destroyed in this timeline ..."

And if there's no door in the future, Rogue won't have any way to come back from the future!

In other words, suppose that we destroyed the door in the present, right?

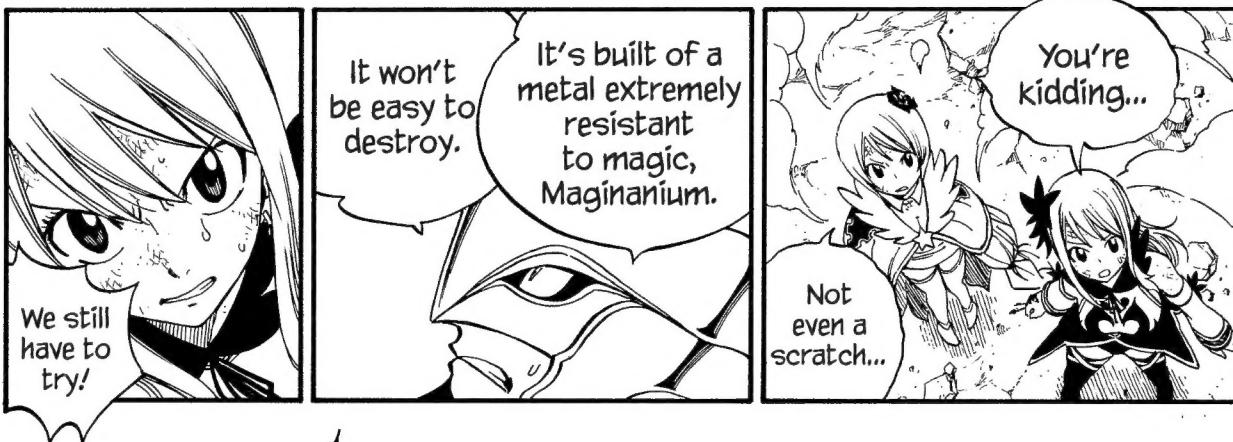
Then all the futures would be rewritten with one in which the door is destroyed.

But...will it undo the things that have already happened?

That means the world should return to the path it used to be on...

I see... If Rogue can't come from the future...









He and I will eventually become one, like two shadows merging.



Then what's the other Rogue supposed to do?!



I have no intention of going back!







Right this second,
Frosch is probably
out there, scared
to death. And it's
because of you!





But
Frosch is
alive...
right
now!!!!





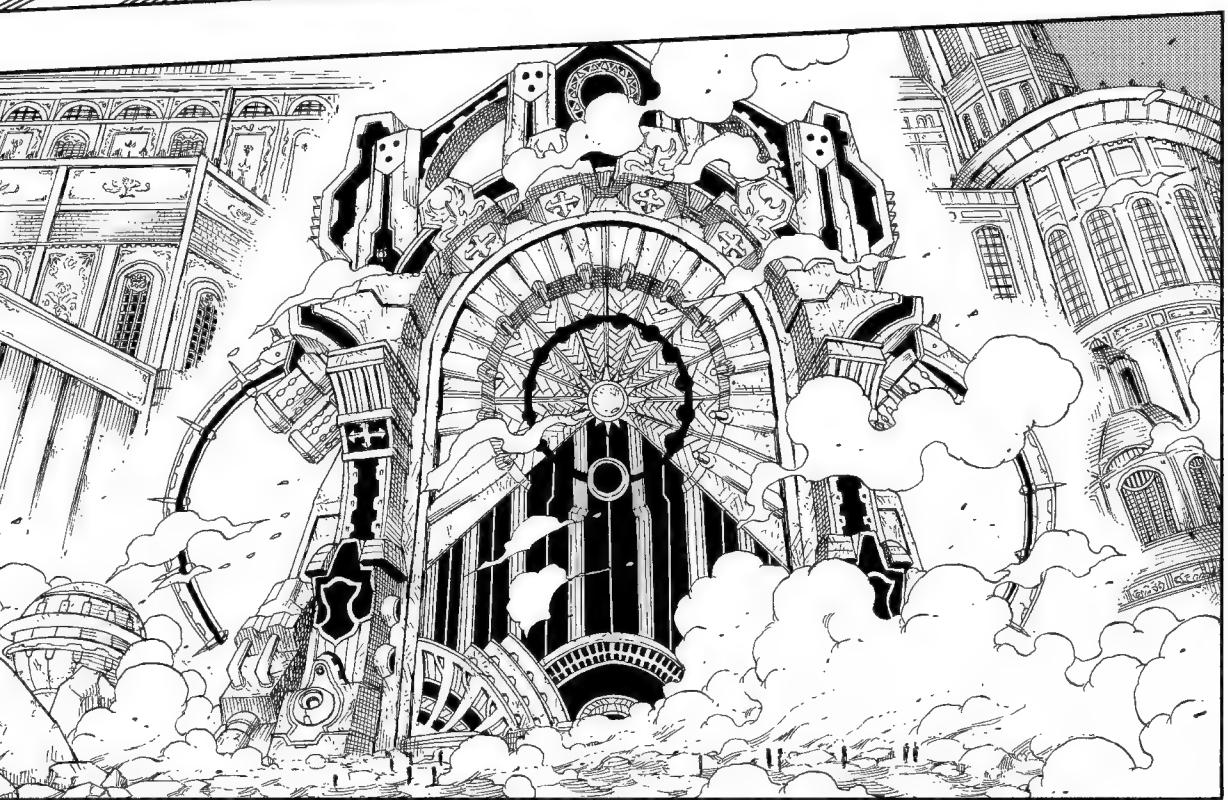


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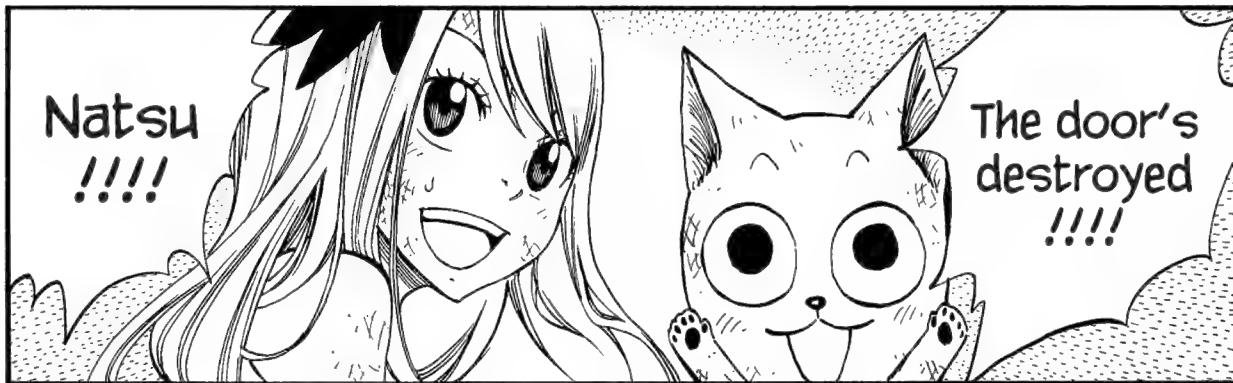
I'll just
give
TODAY
all I've
got
!!!!!!







WHAM BOOM BOOM

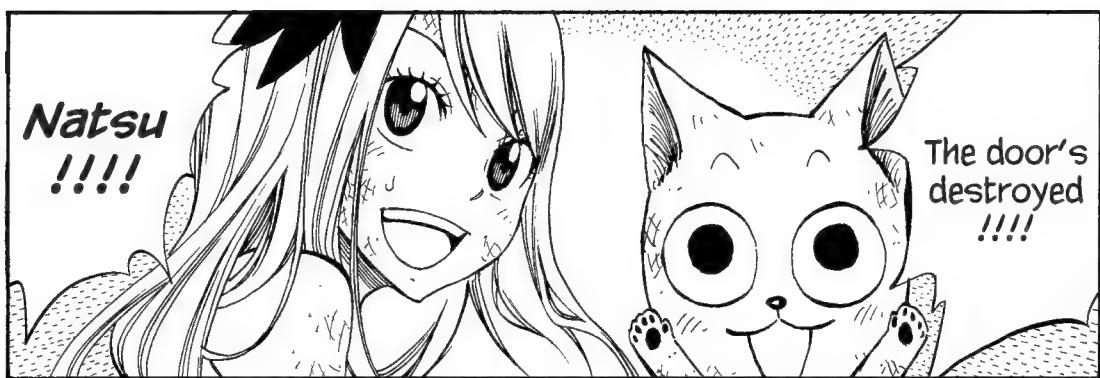


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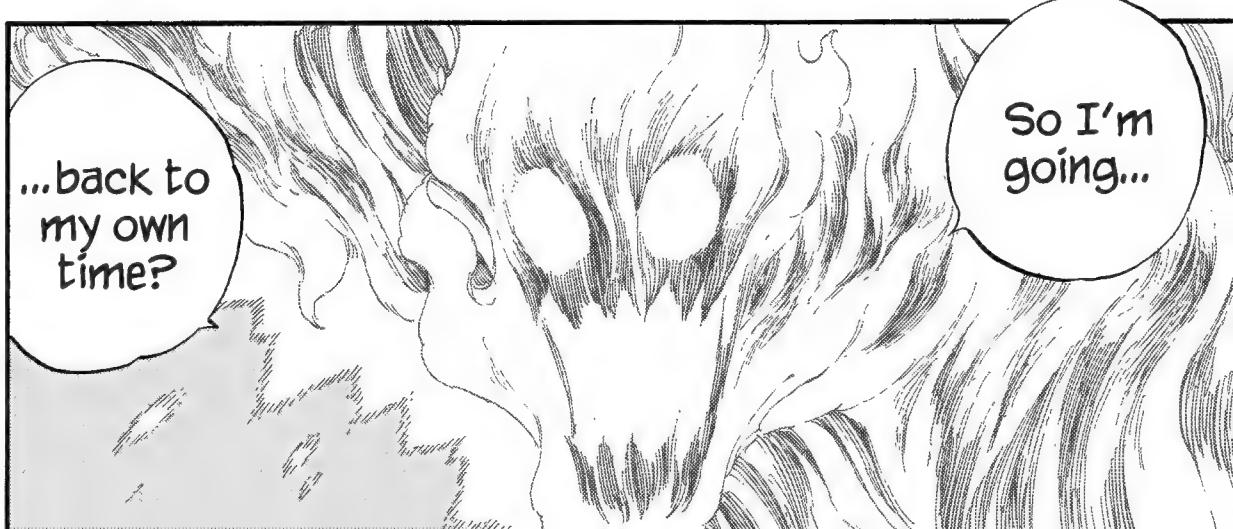
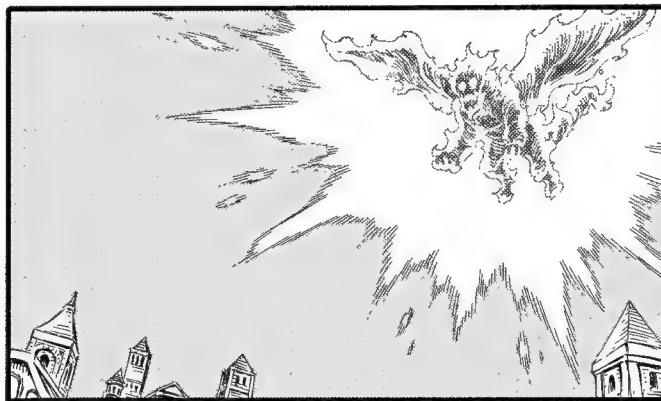
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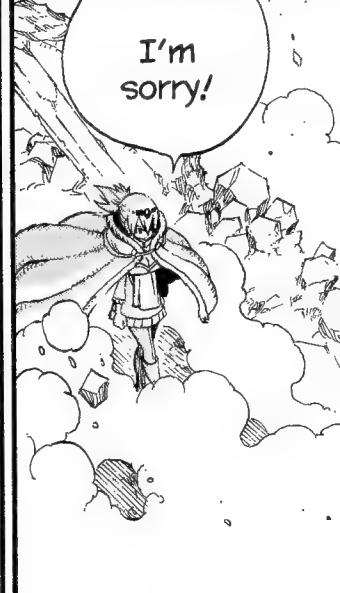


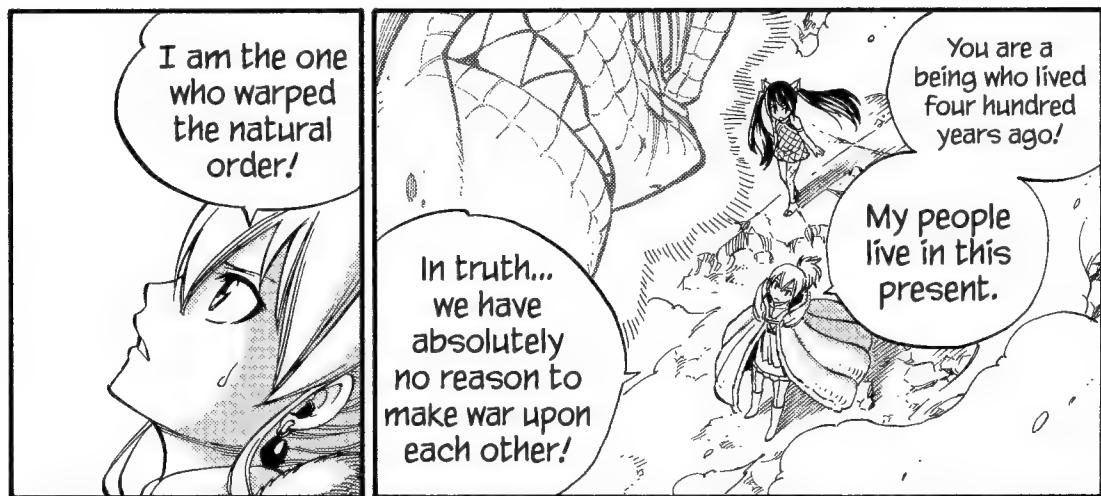


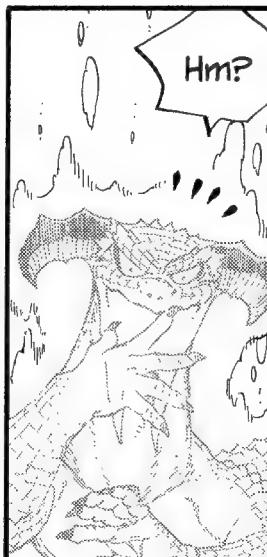
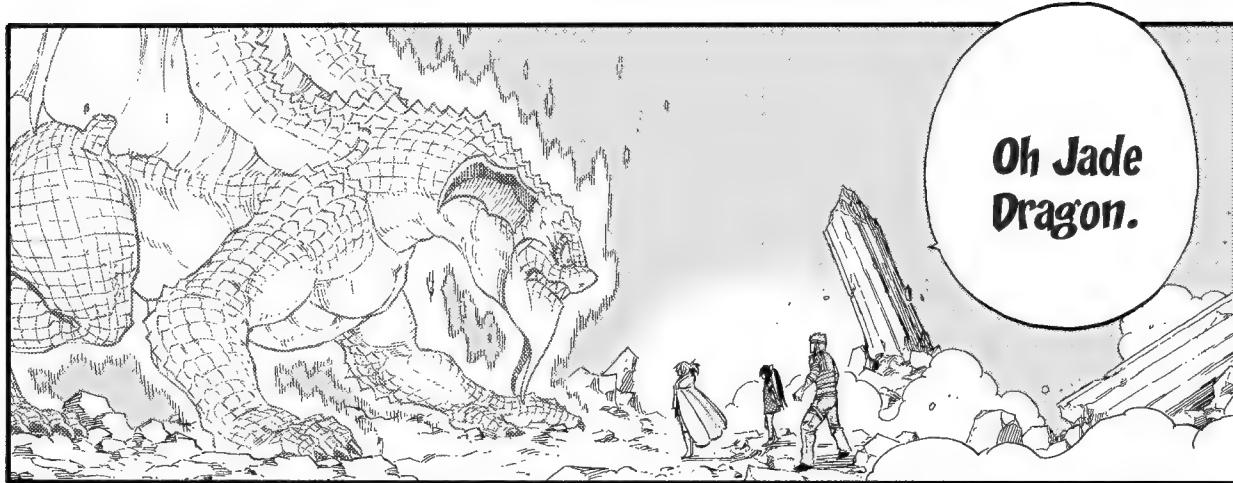




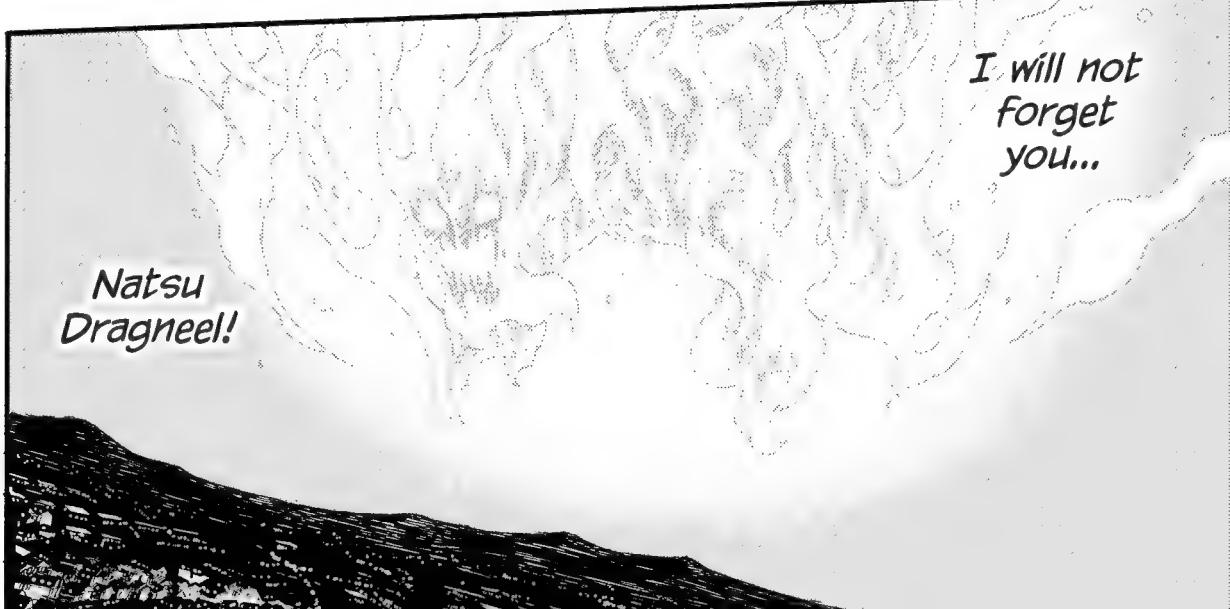
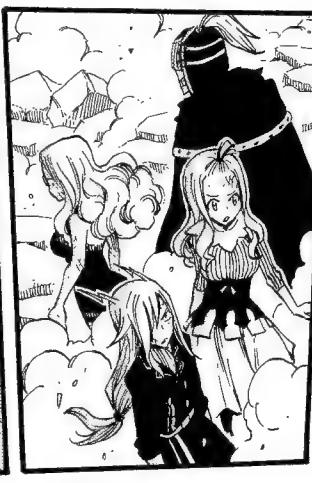
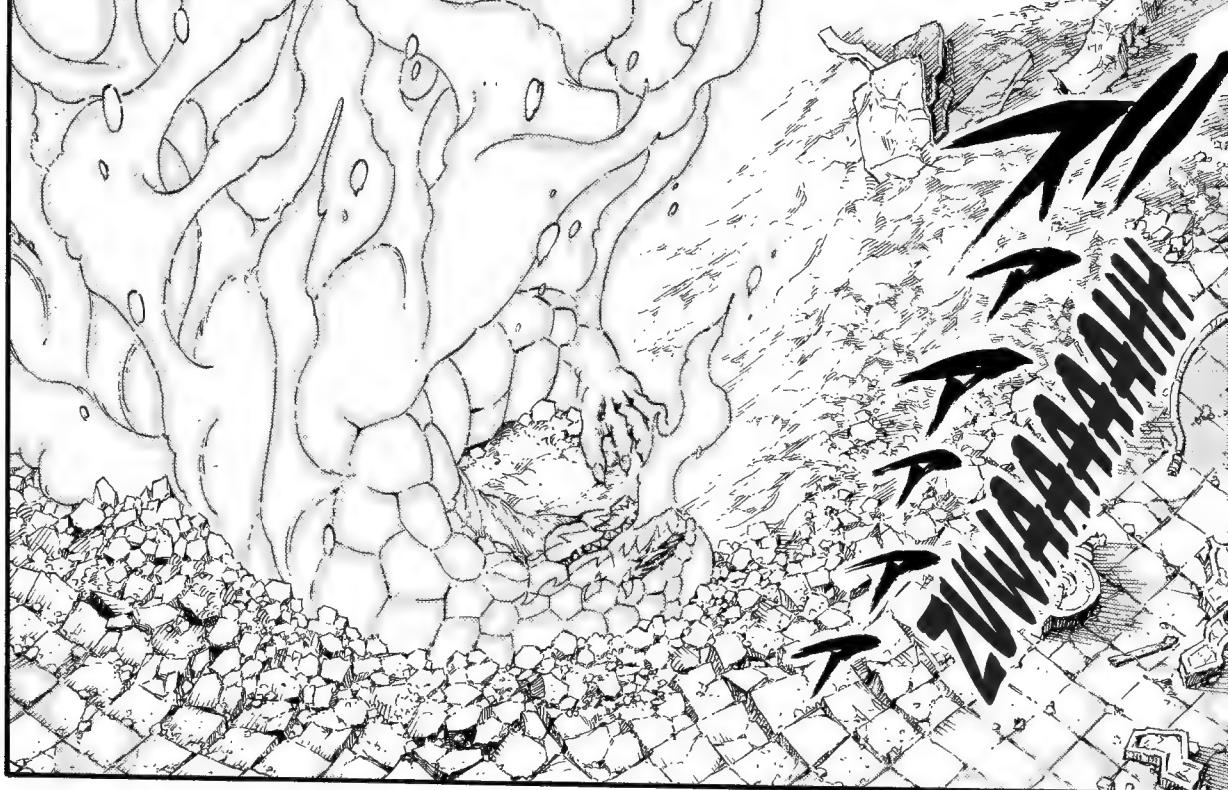


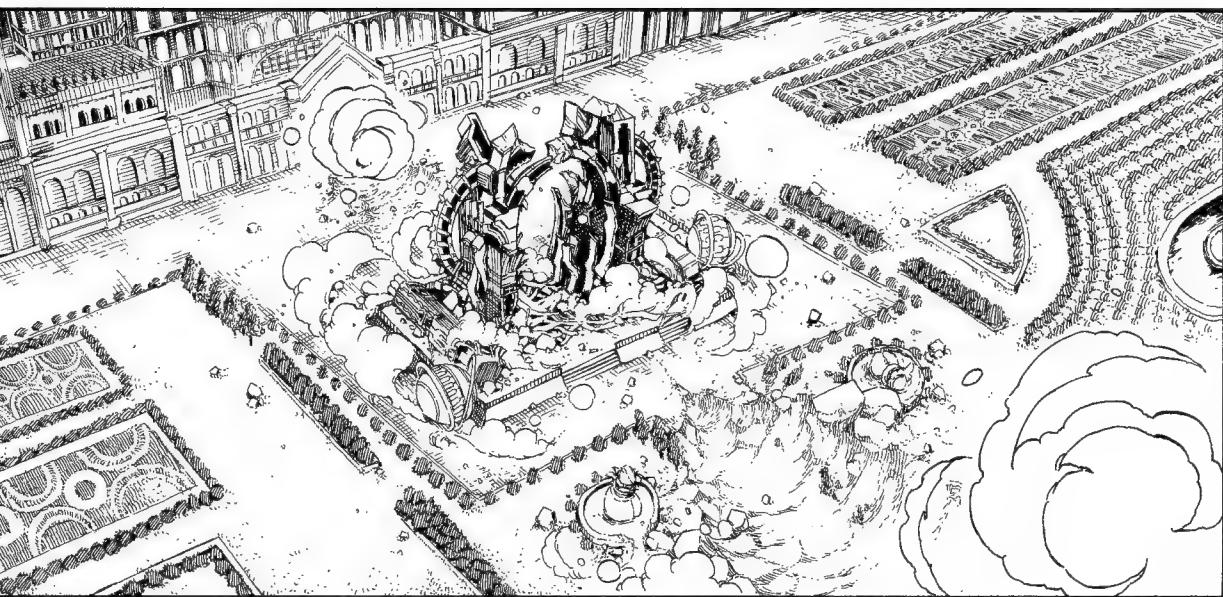


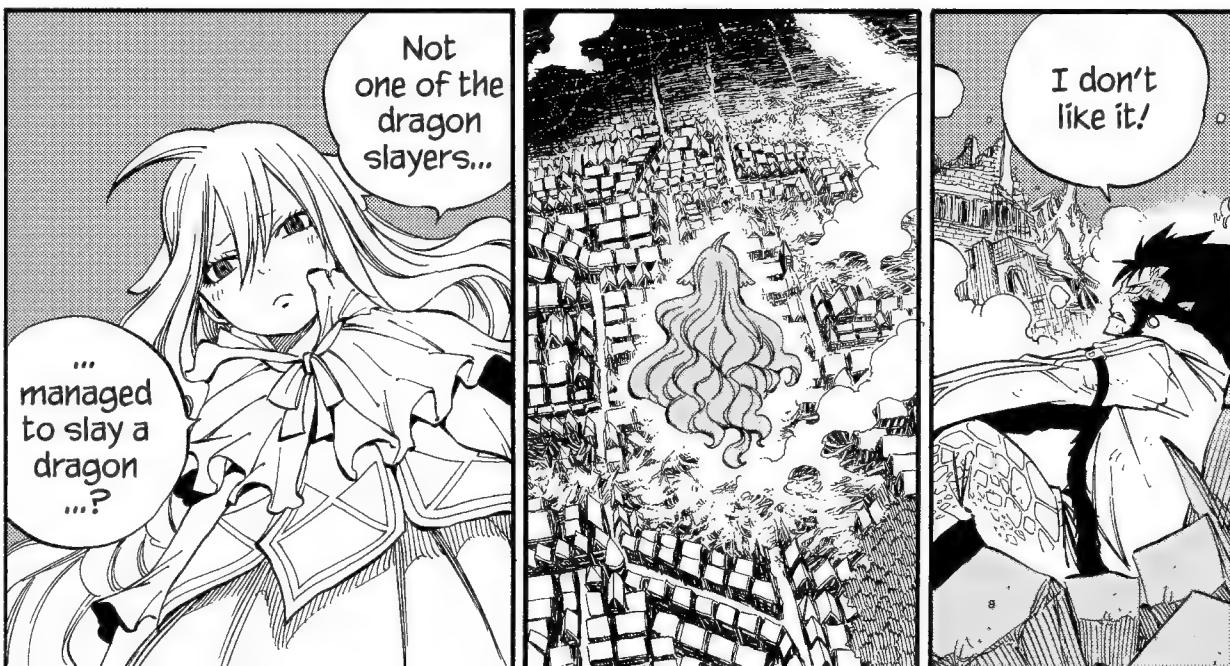












...then Acnologia is probably even more...

If these dragons are *that* powerful...

What kind of dragon slayers are we?

That was pathetic

...



But at least the battle is over.

It doesn't feel like... winning...

No... Let's forget that for now.

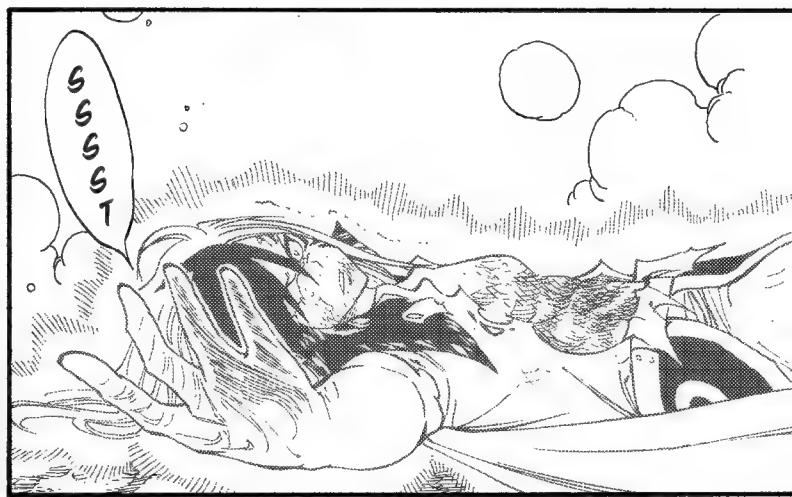


We protected our comrades.



It is a victory.





...that the shadow and I became one...

And the day Frosch died... That was the day...

...to protect Frosch... a year... from now...

Tell the other me...

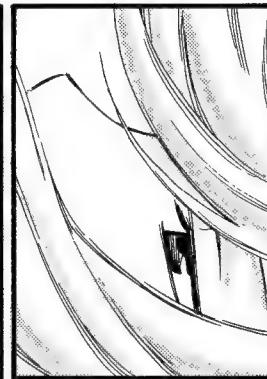
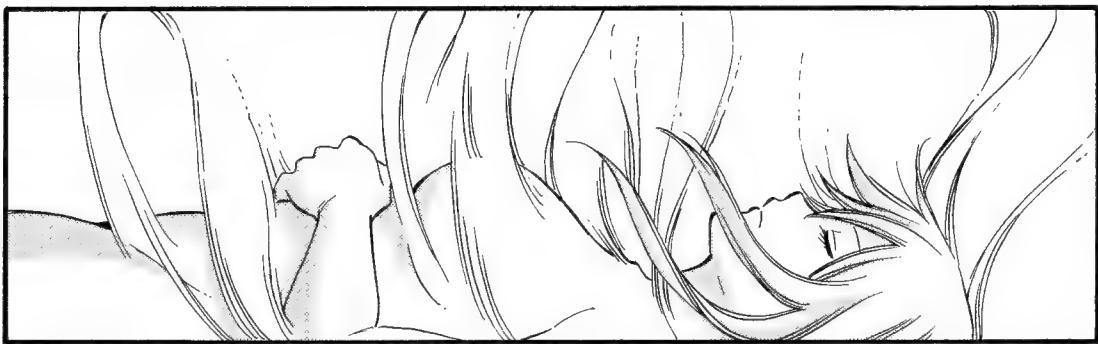
In one year.

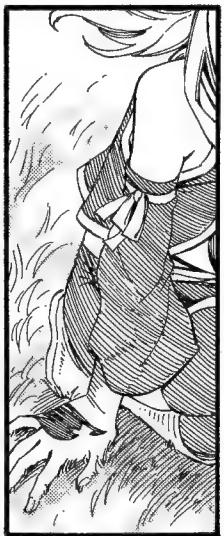
Frosch won't die!



Frosch will be killed... by...

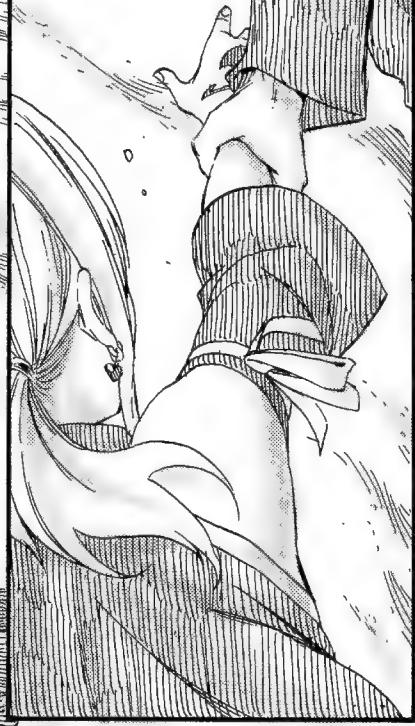
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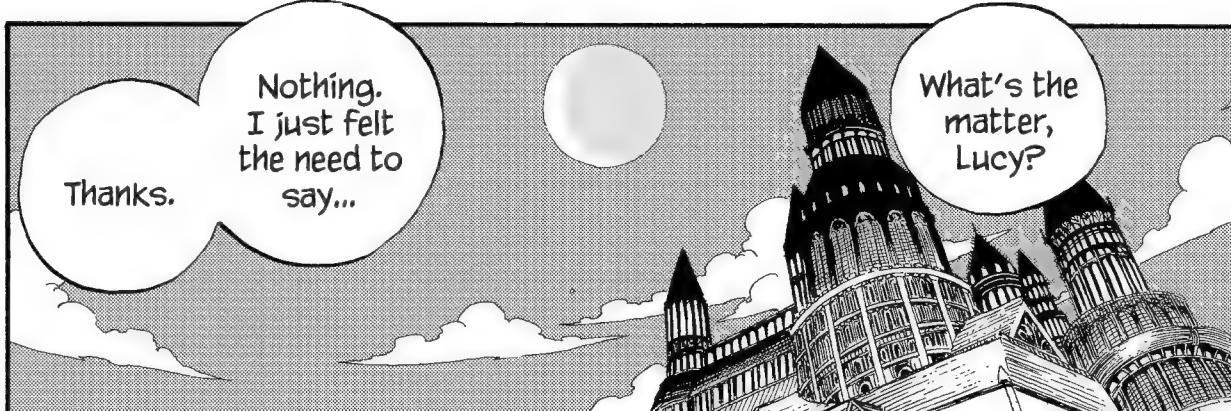
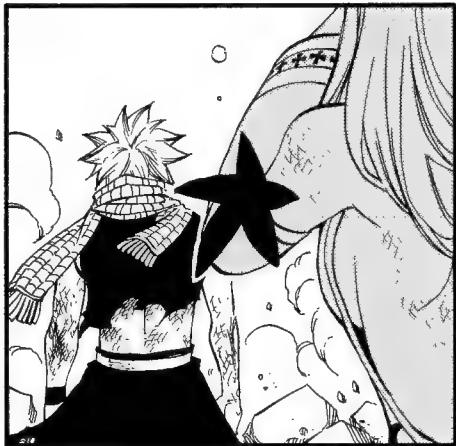


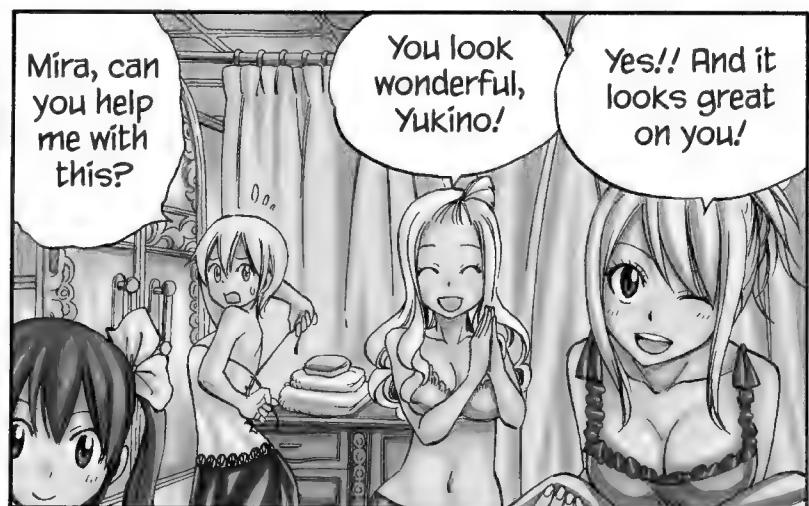


*We're in the
middle of an
adventure
here!*

Yeah!





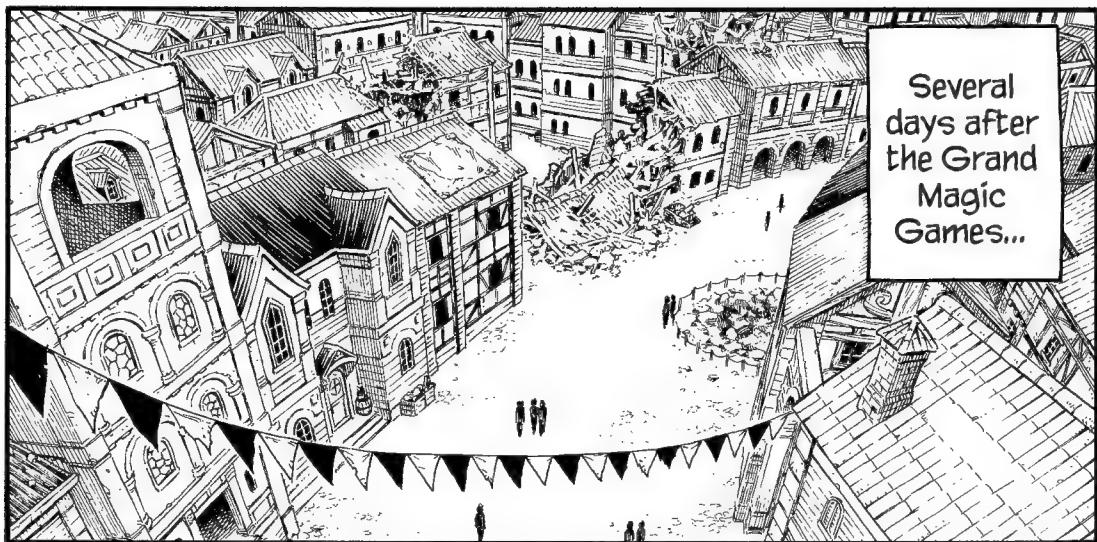


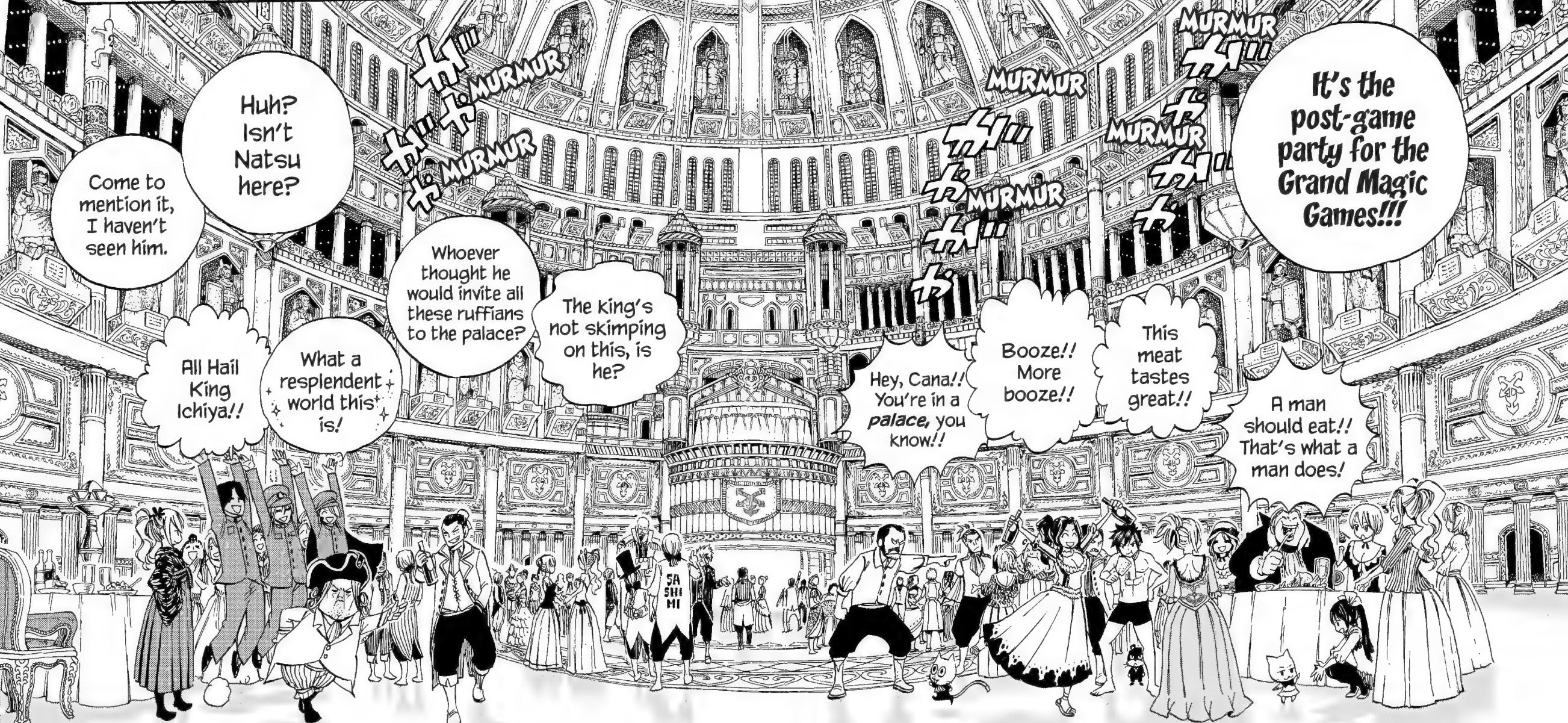
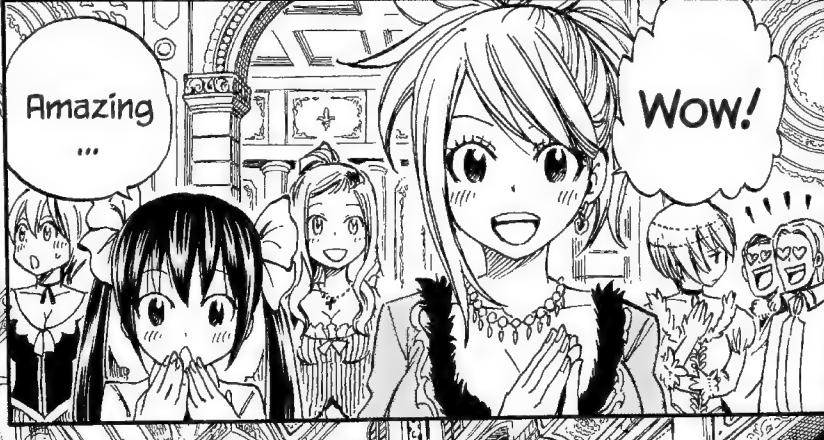


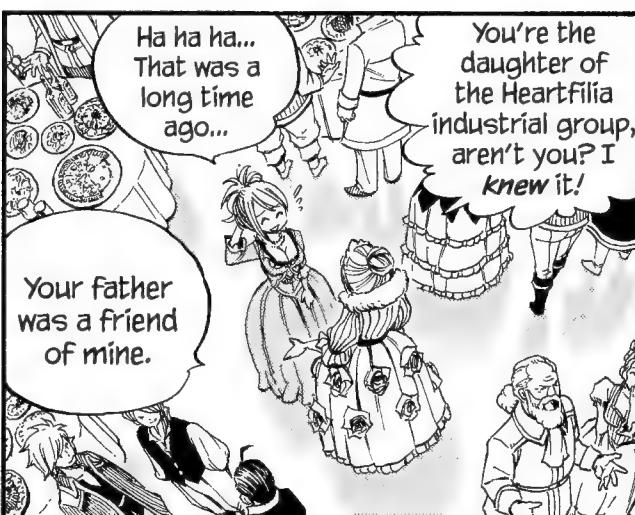
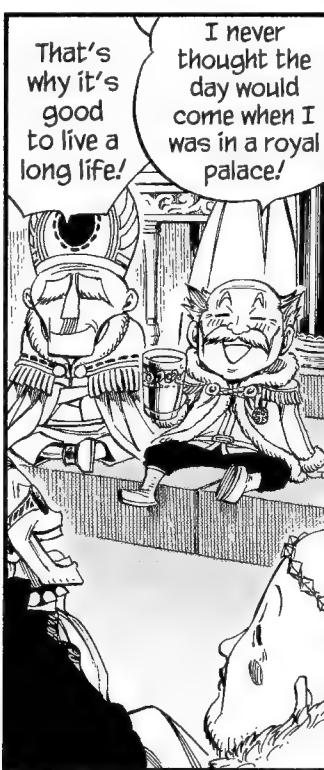
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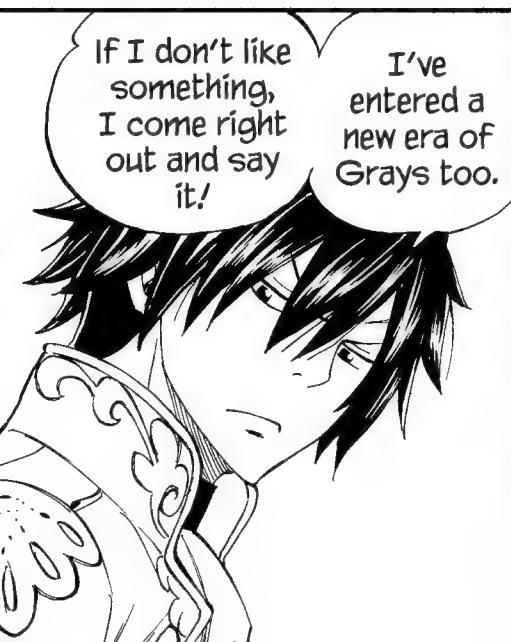
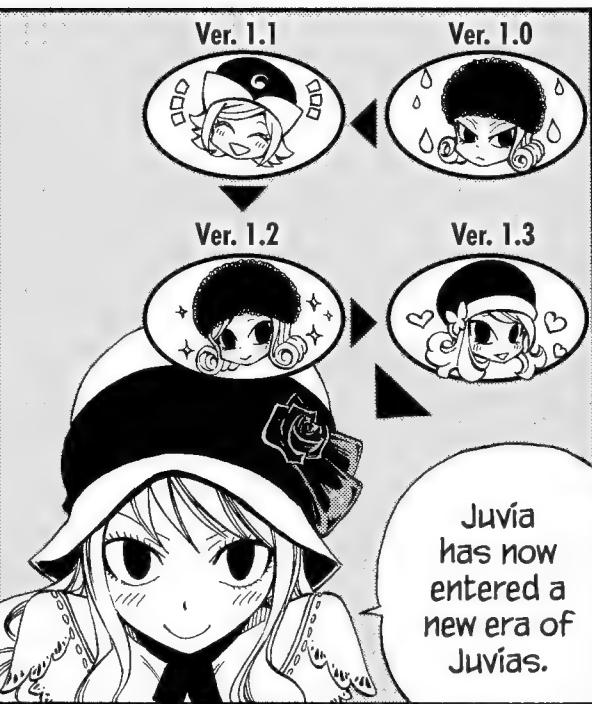


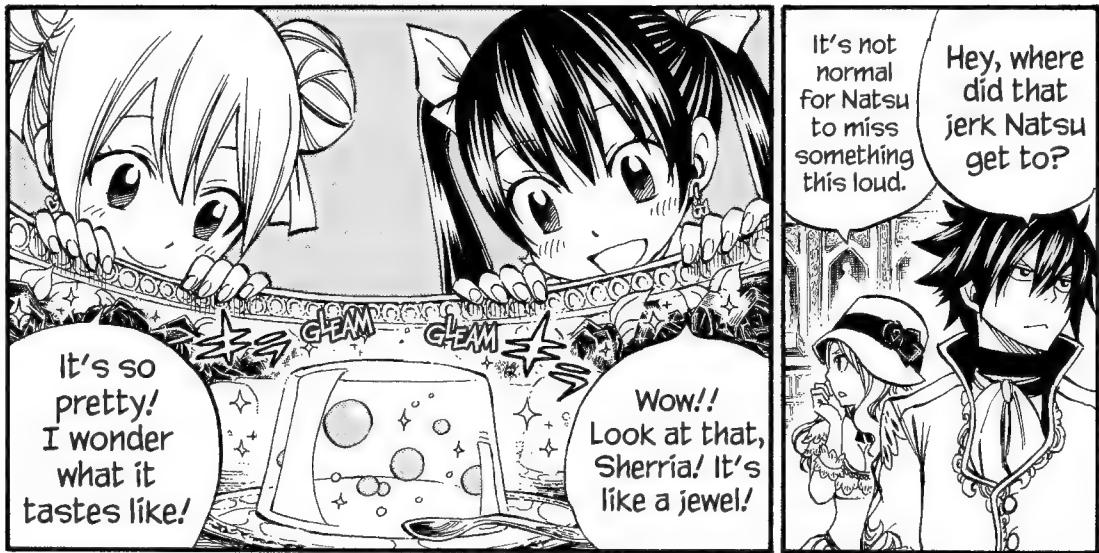
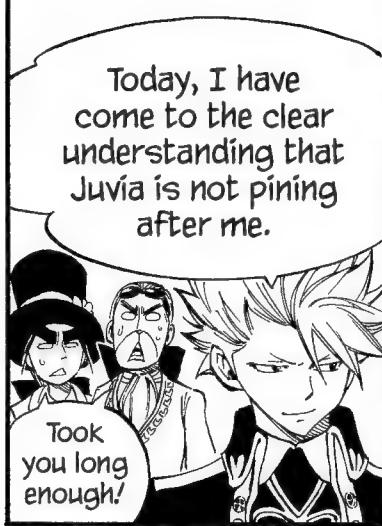




You're the daughter of the Heartfilia industrial group, aren't you? I knew it!

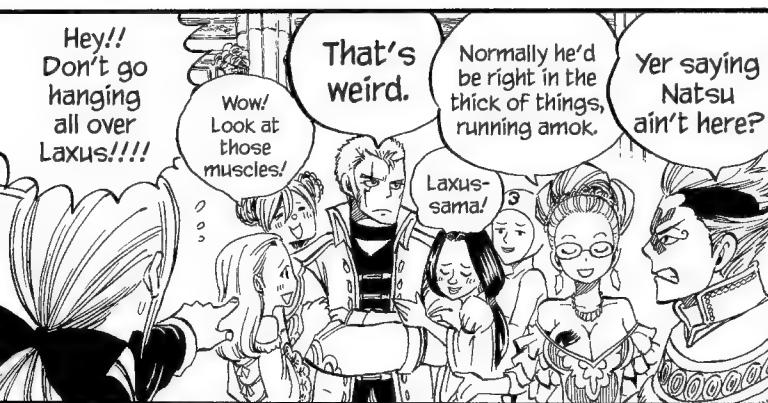


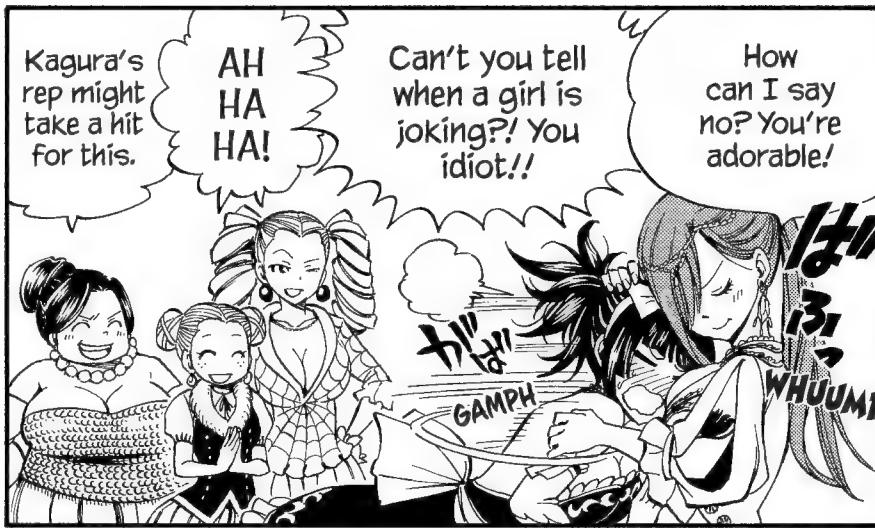


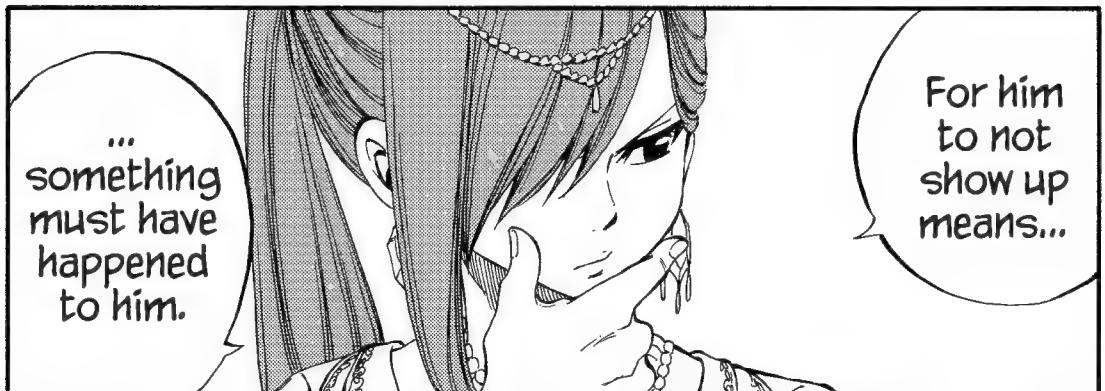
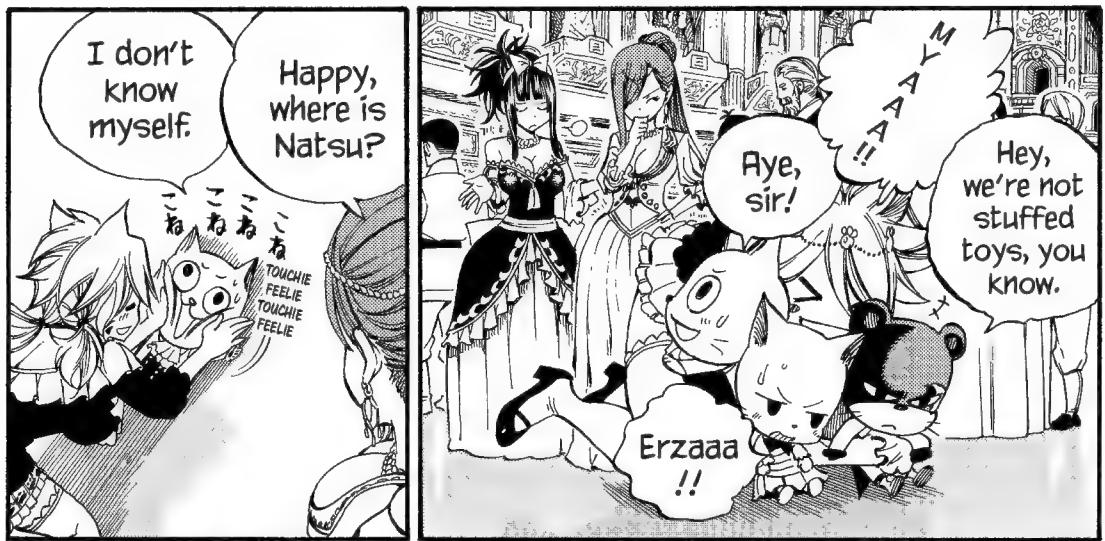
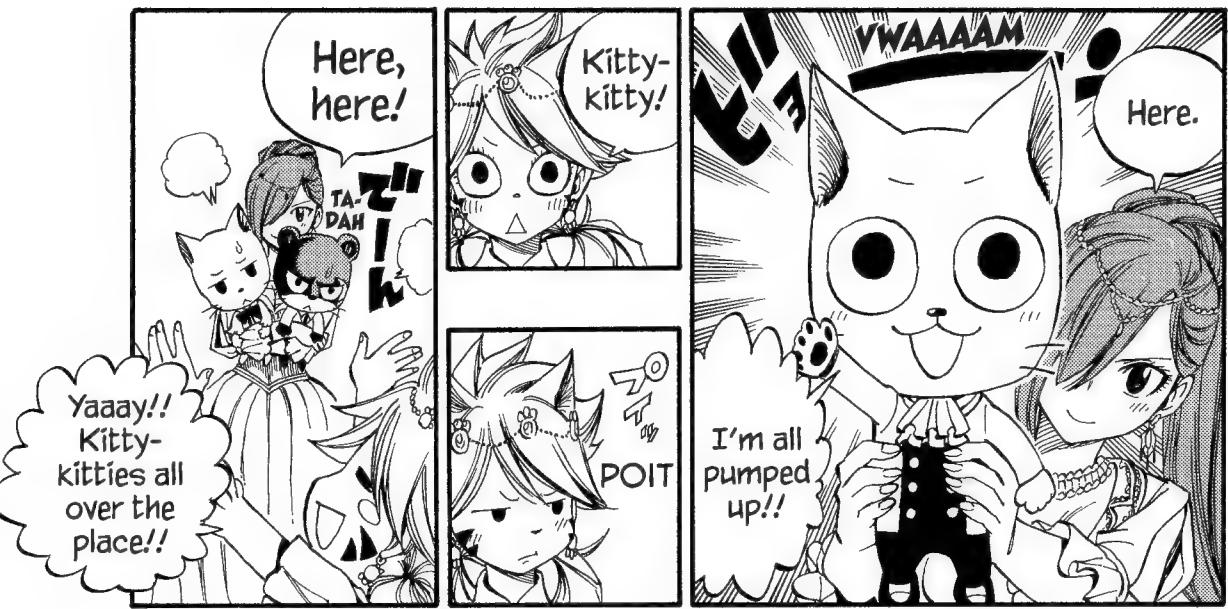




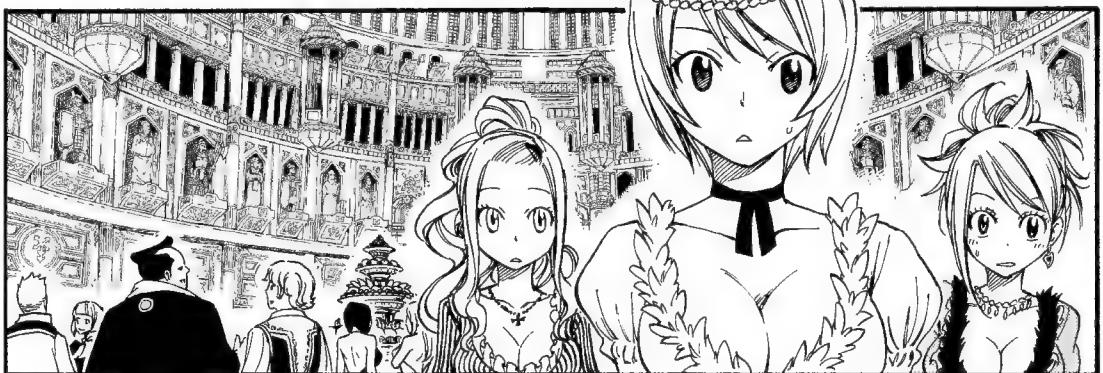
Only FT members can see her.

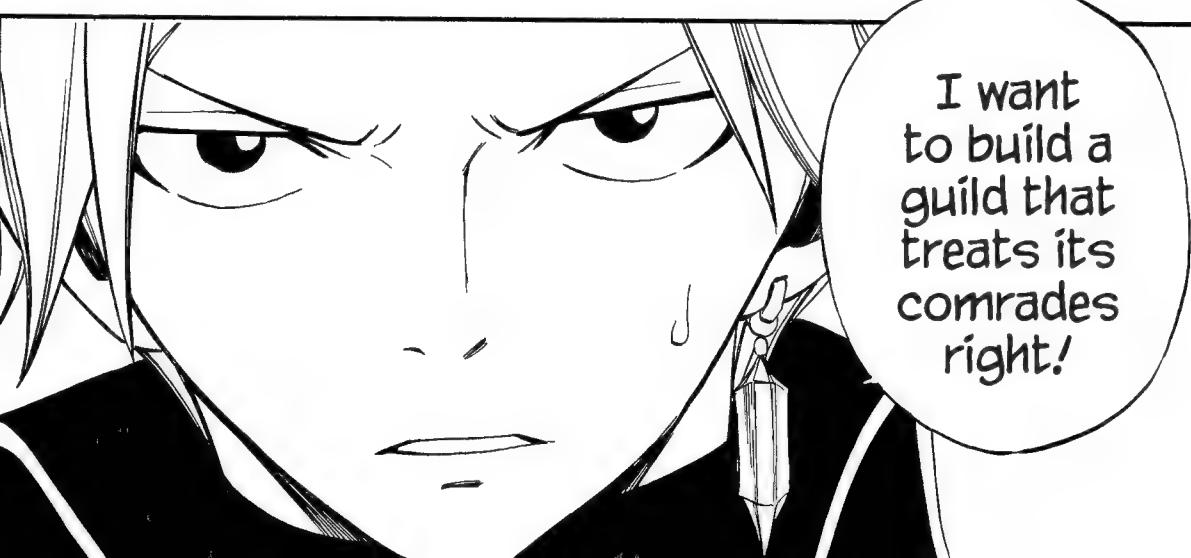
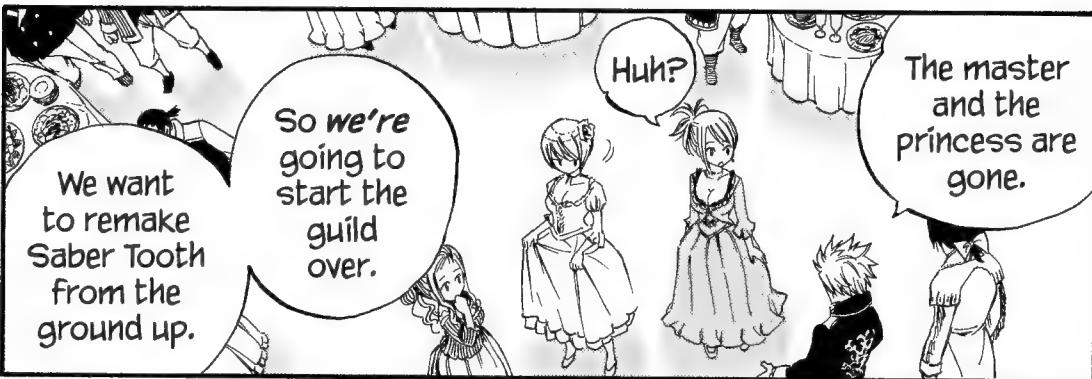


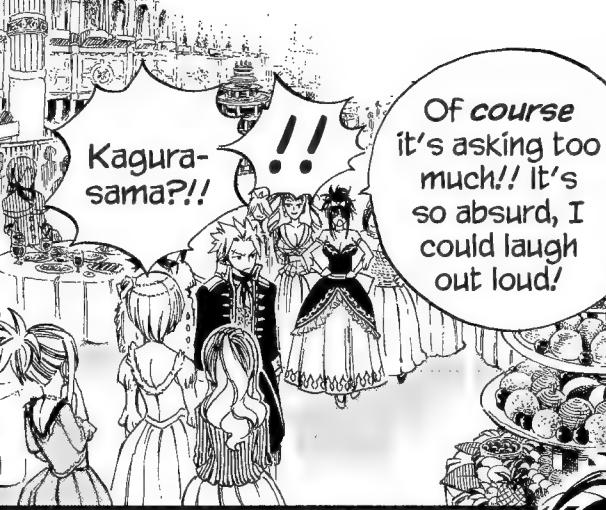






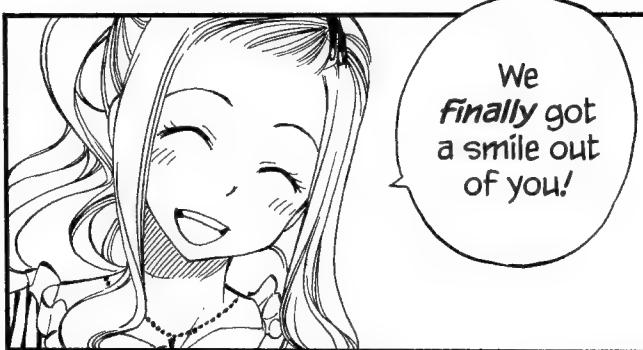


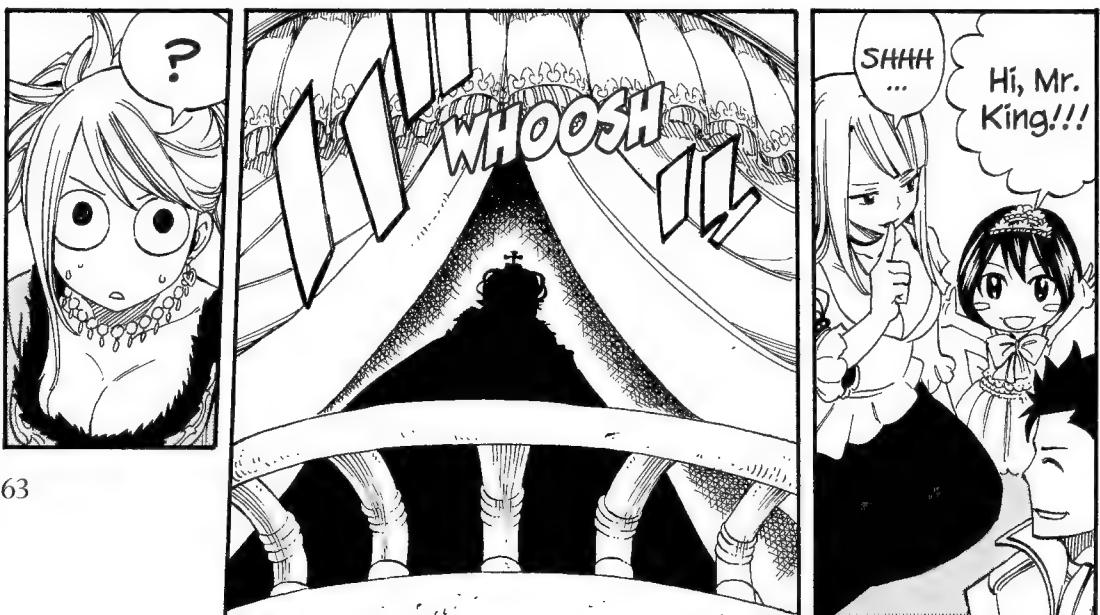












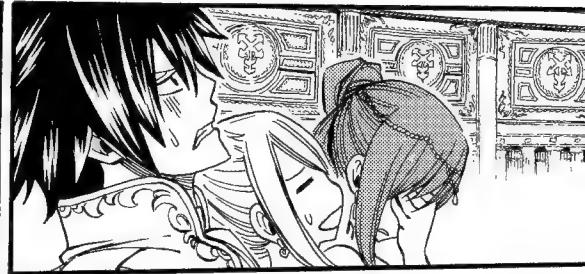
Hey
there,
sub-
jects!
Be at
ease
!!!!

HAAAAA
HA HA
HA HA
HA HA

BOOM

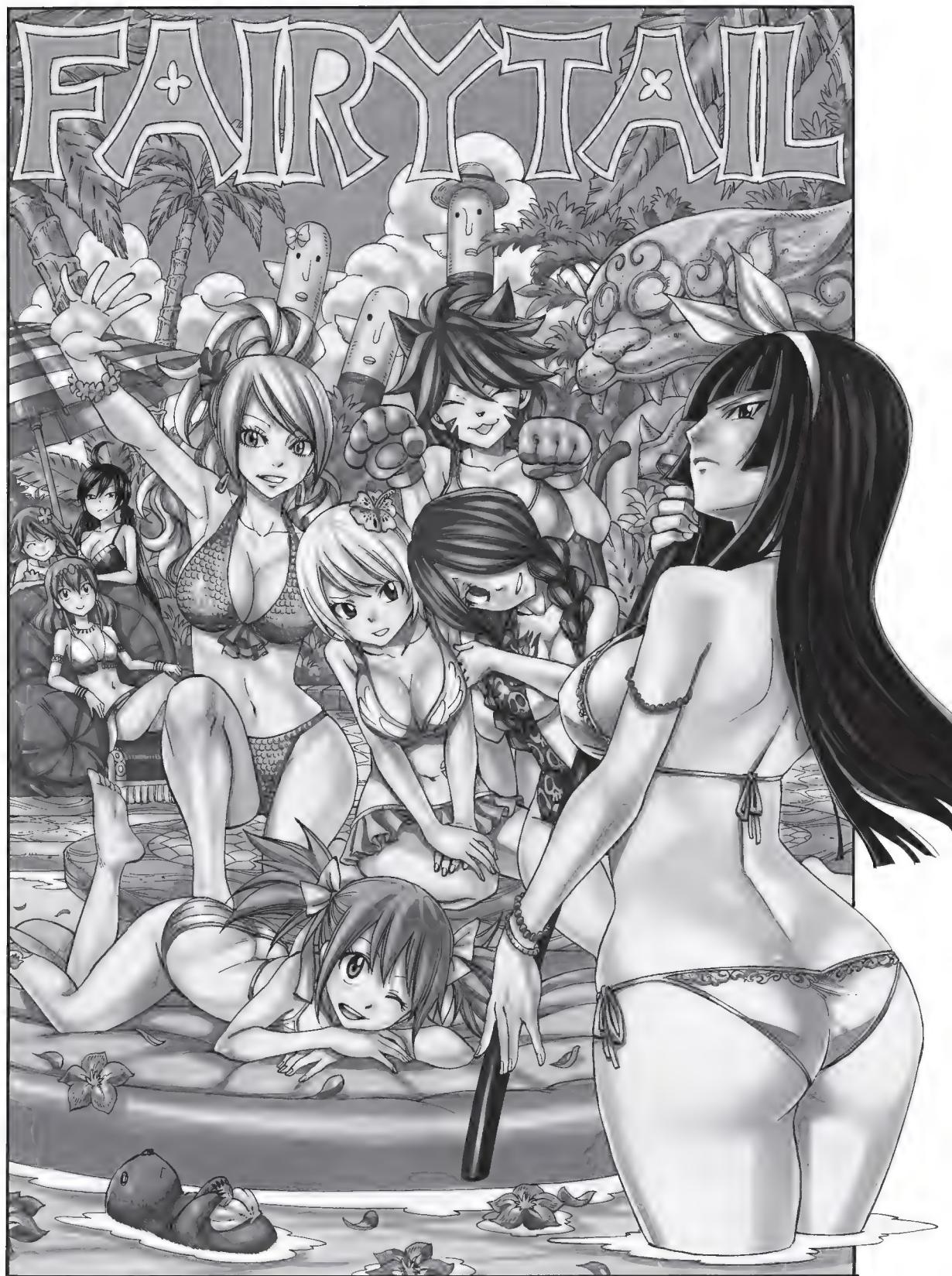
Give that
back!
Punkin!

CONNNNNNNNG

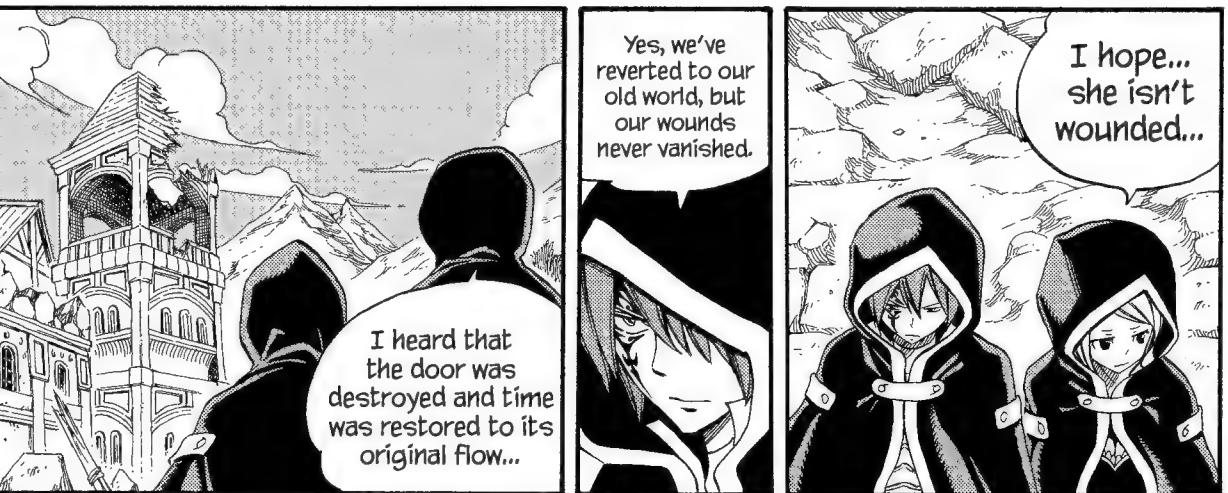
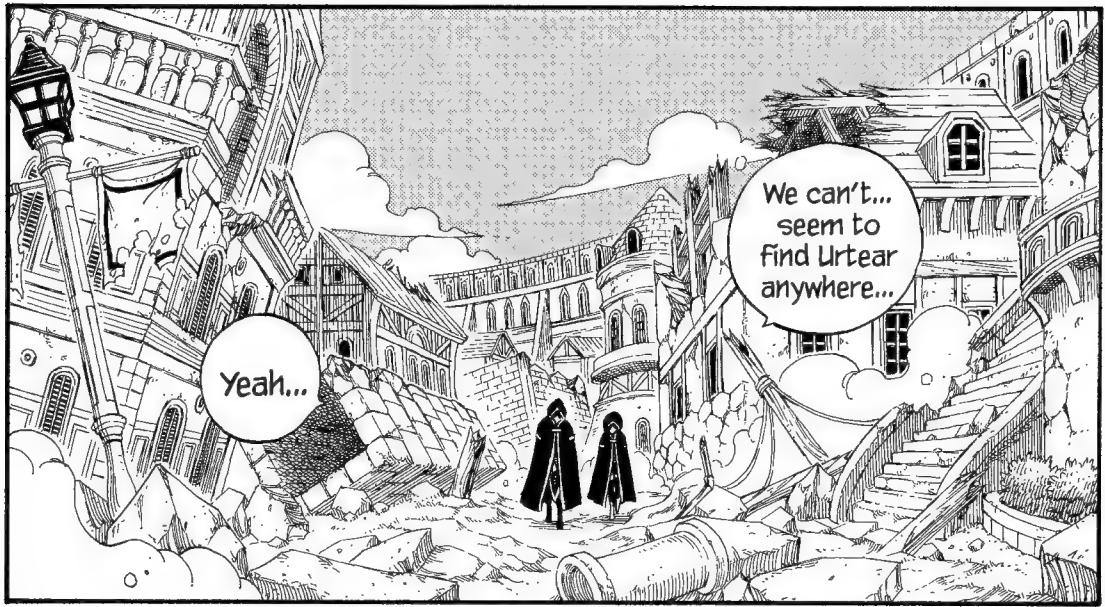


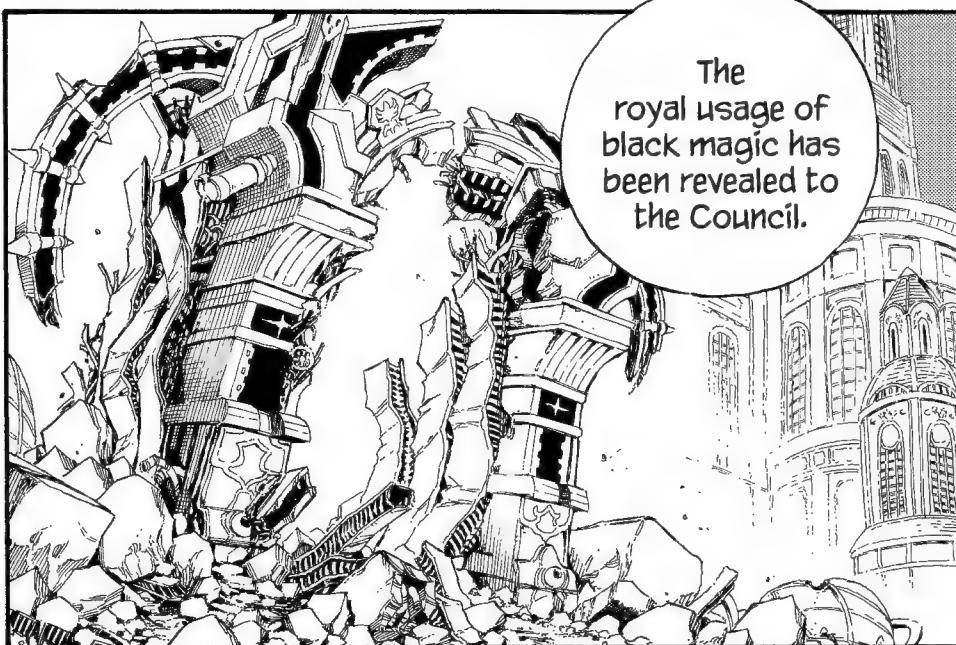


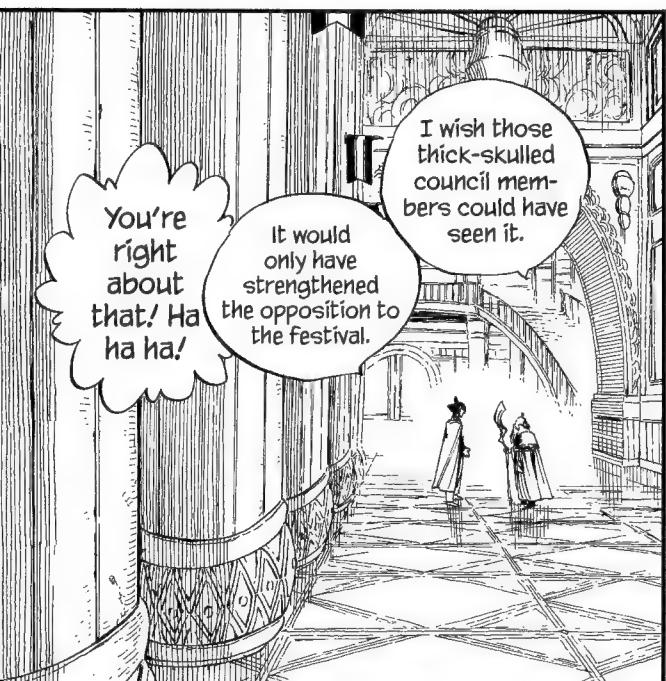
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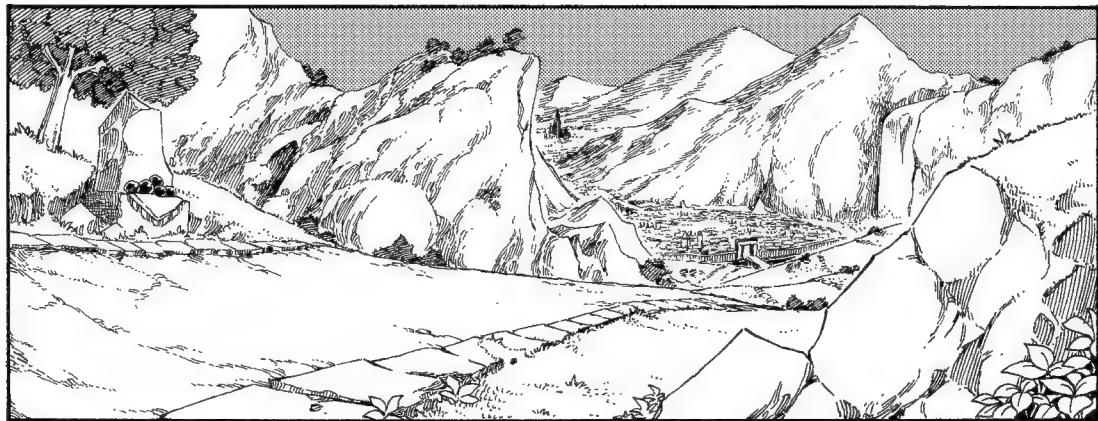


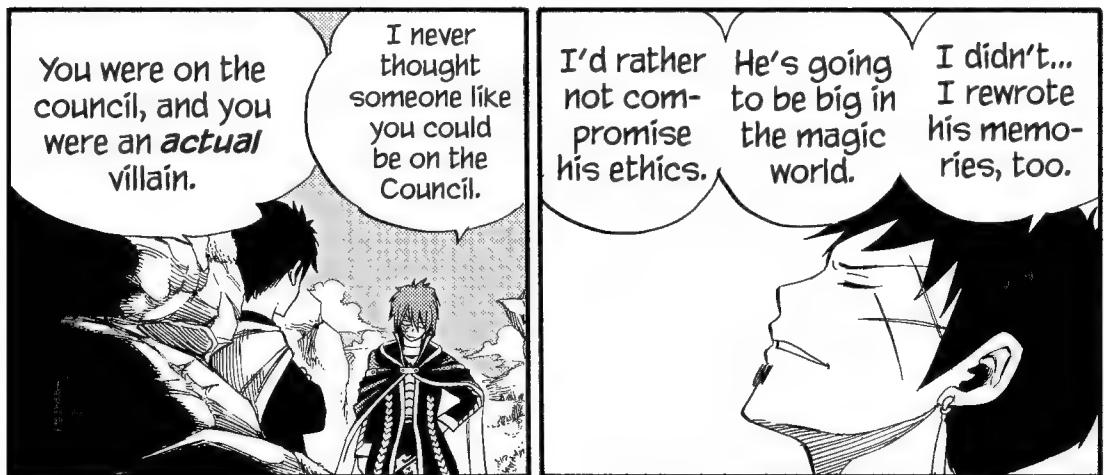
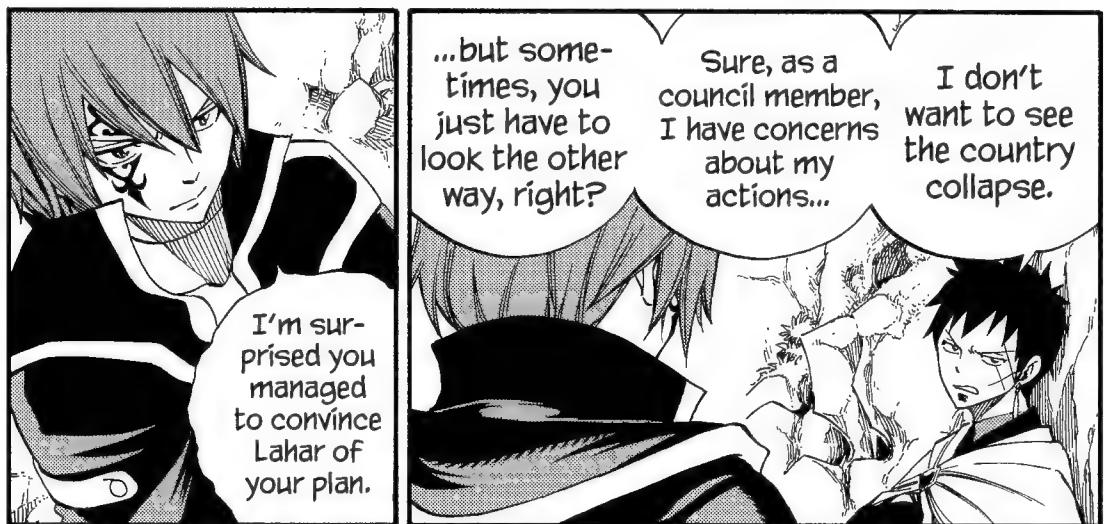
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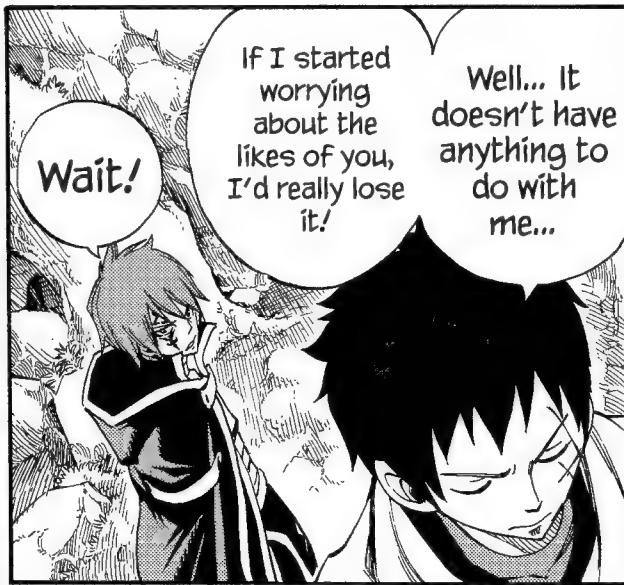
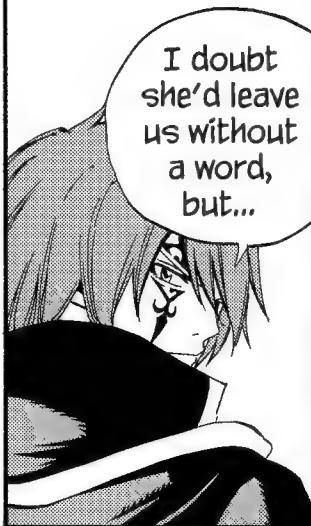






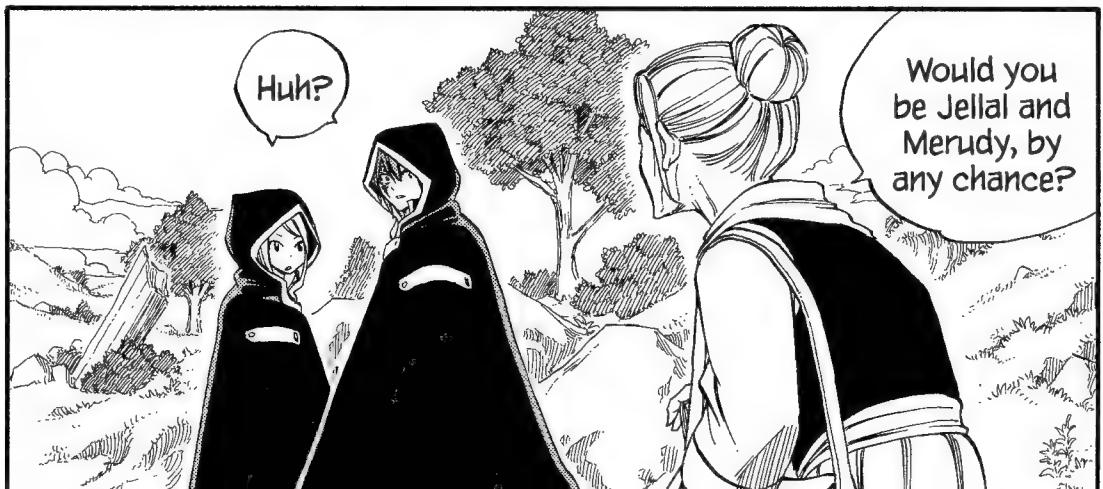
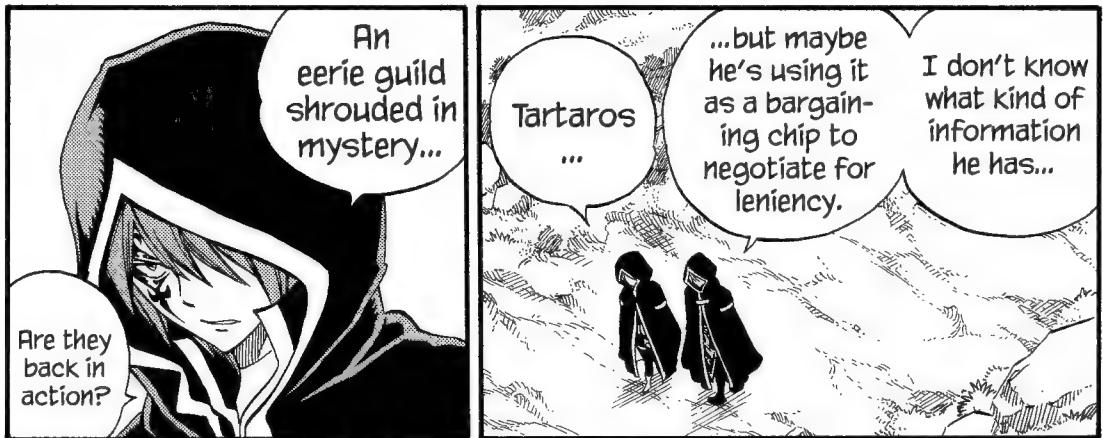


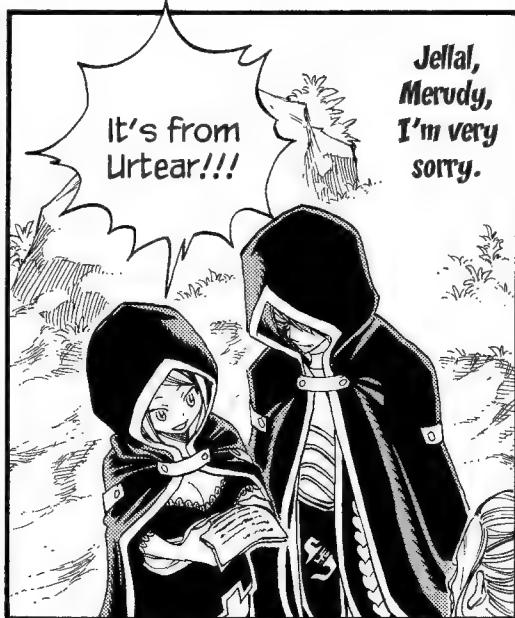


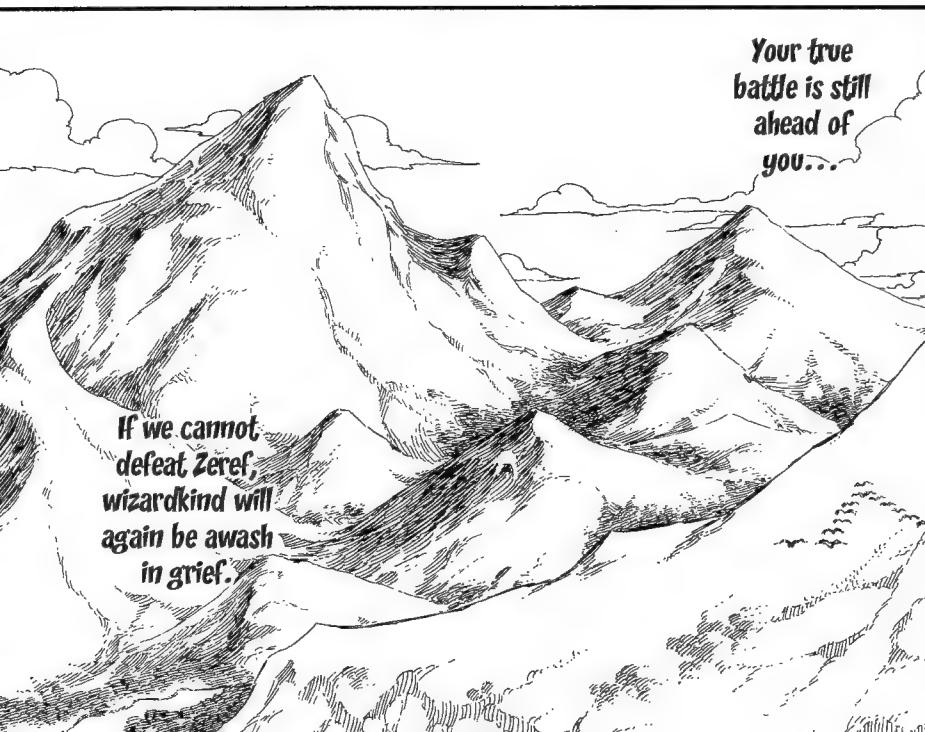
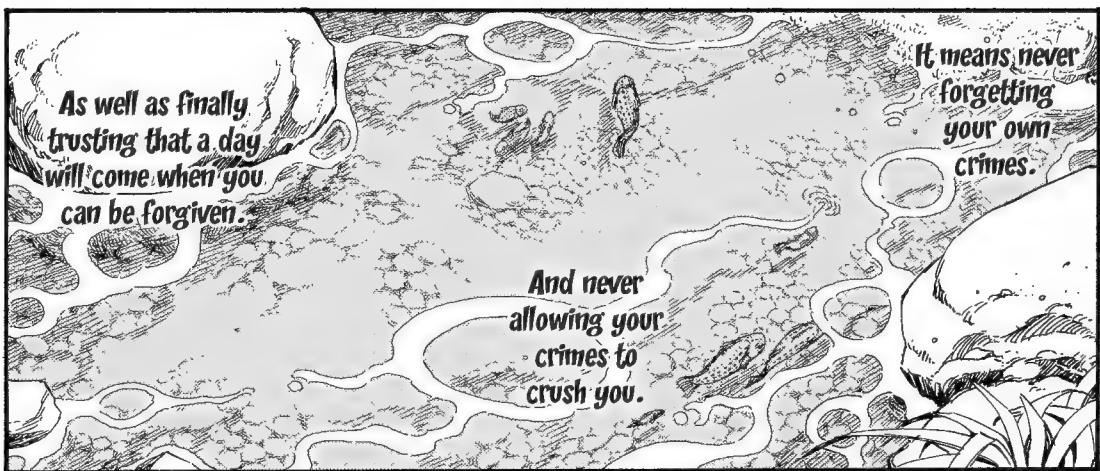
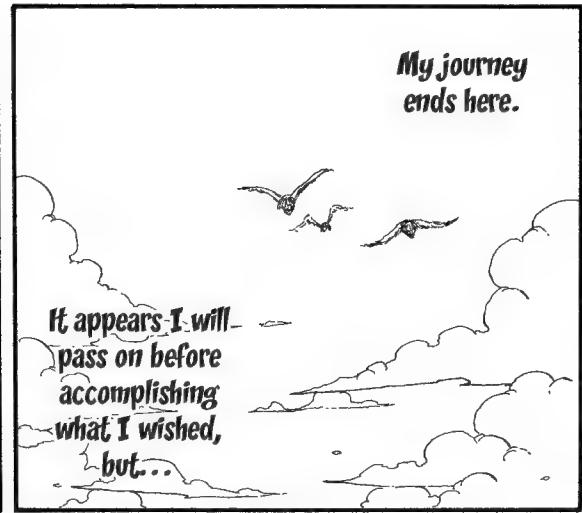










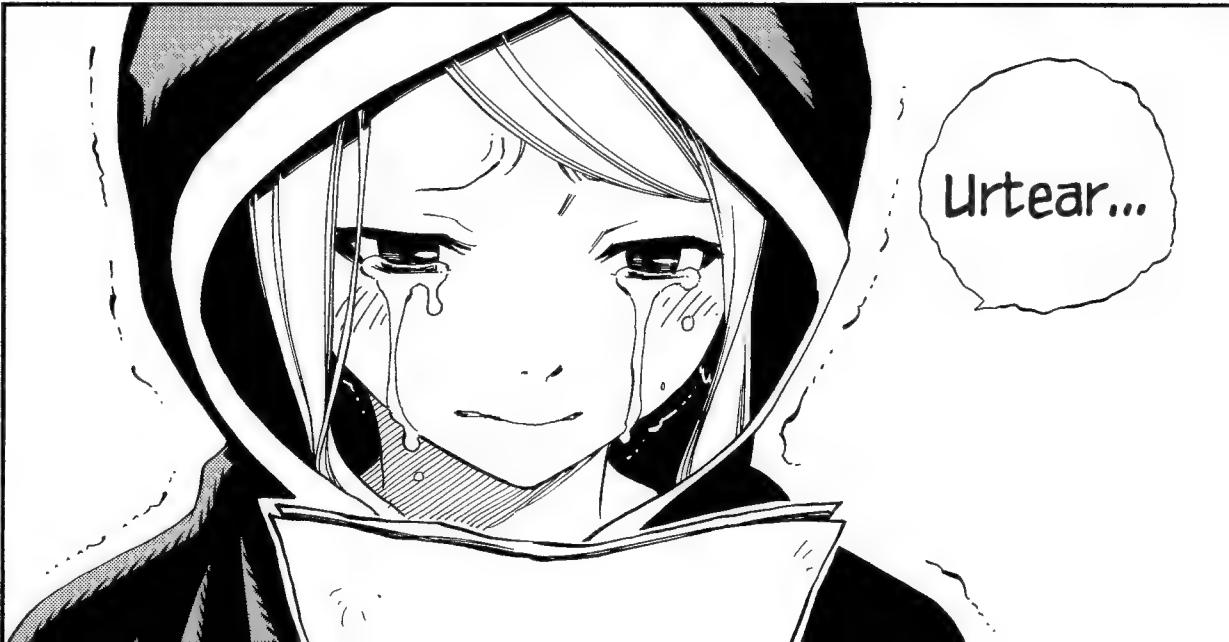
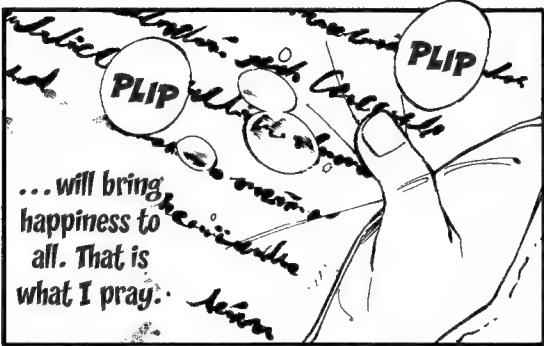


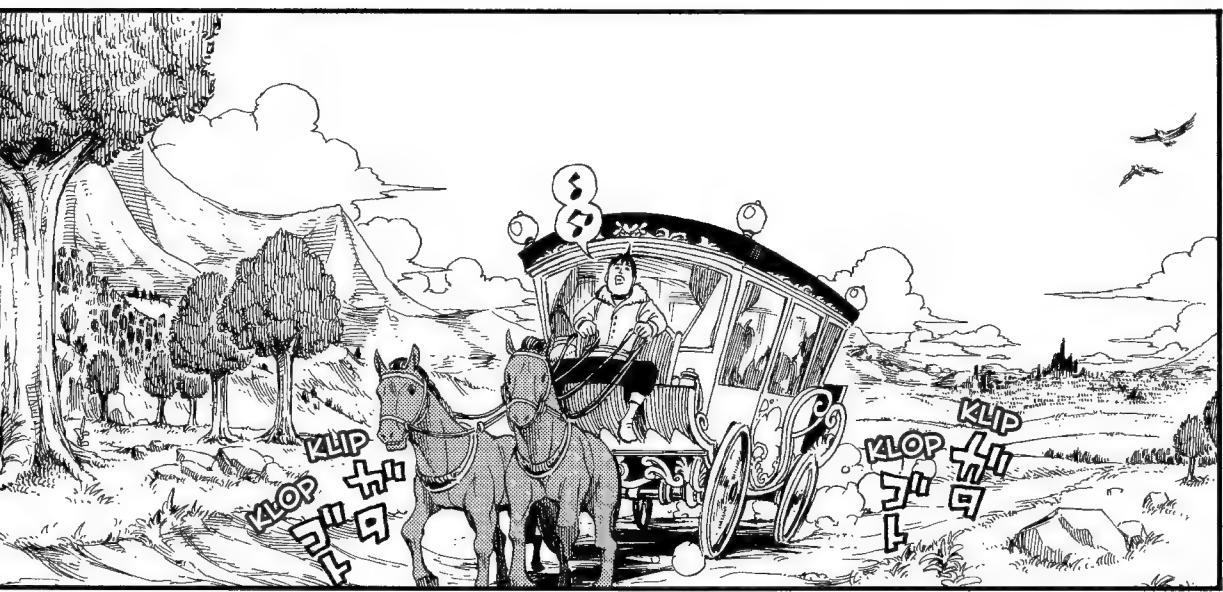
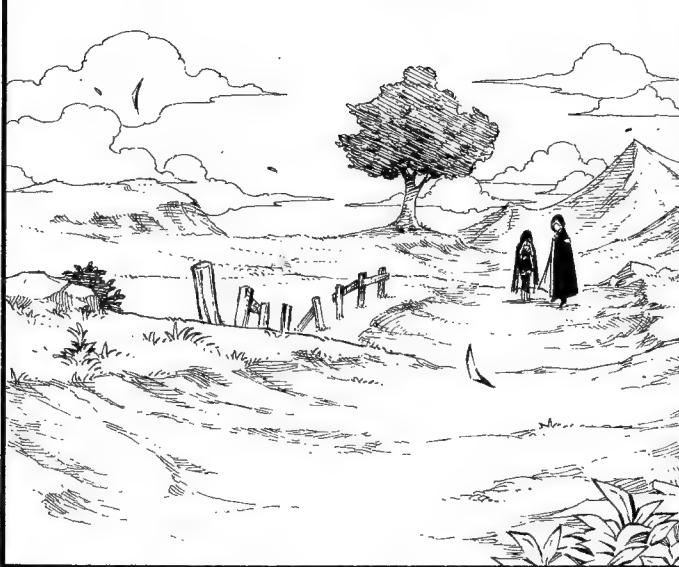
It means
never hiding
yourself
from love.

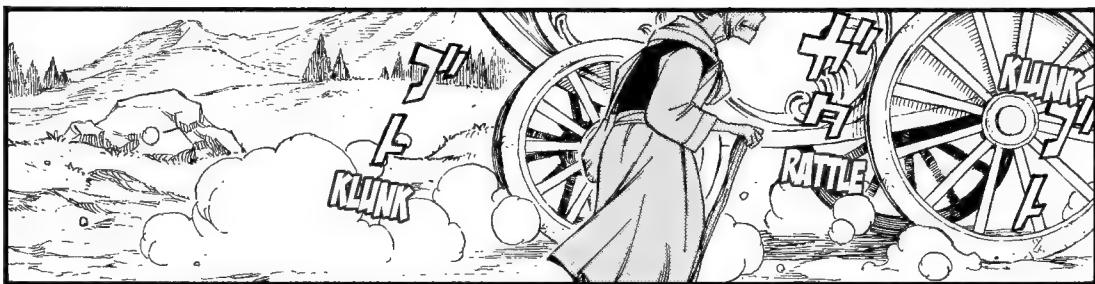


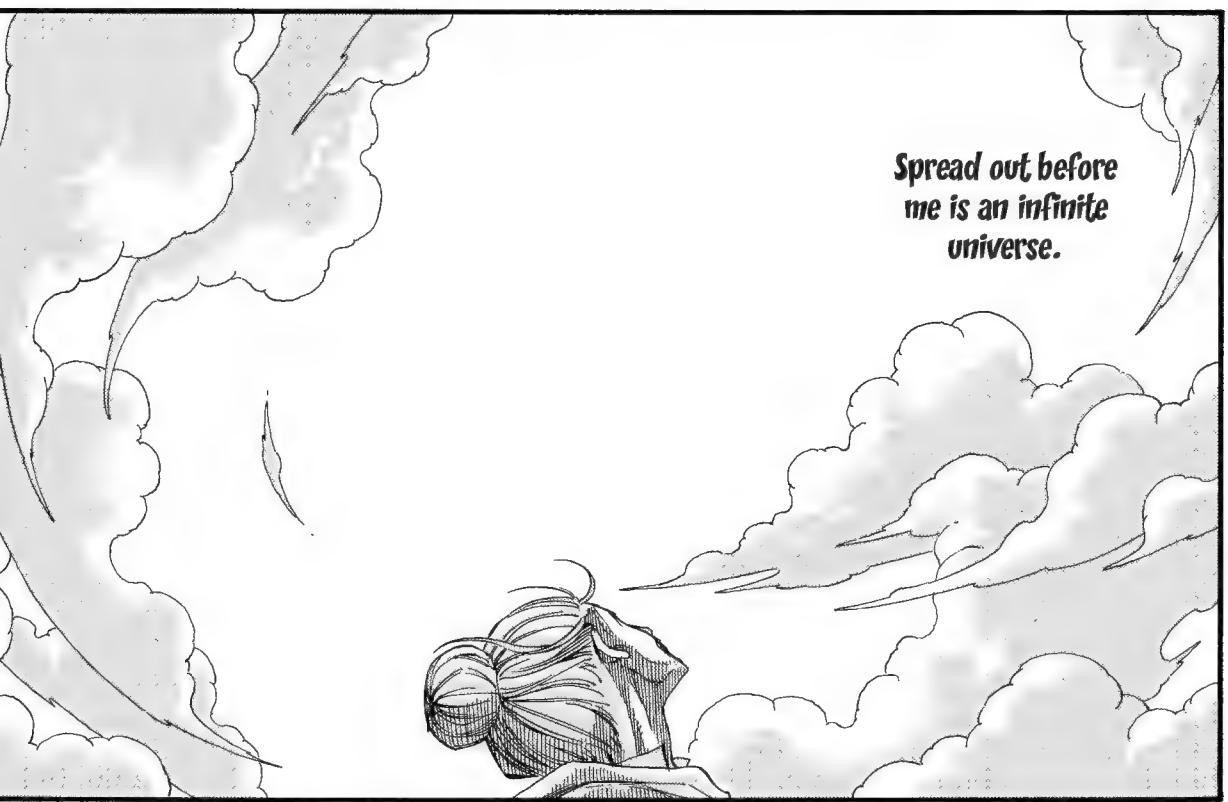
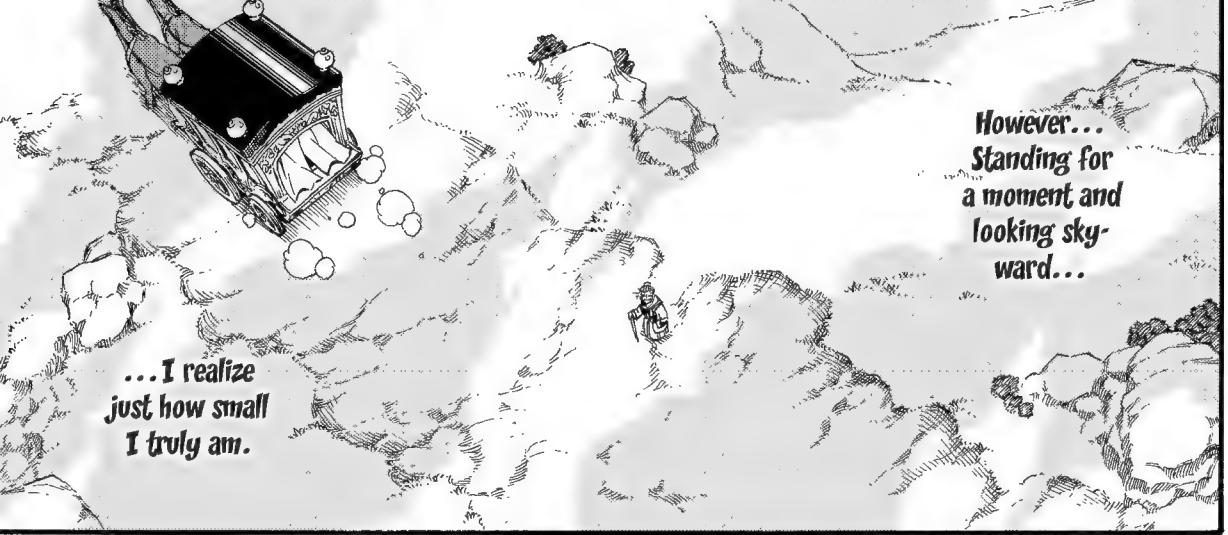
Please
live
on for
me...

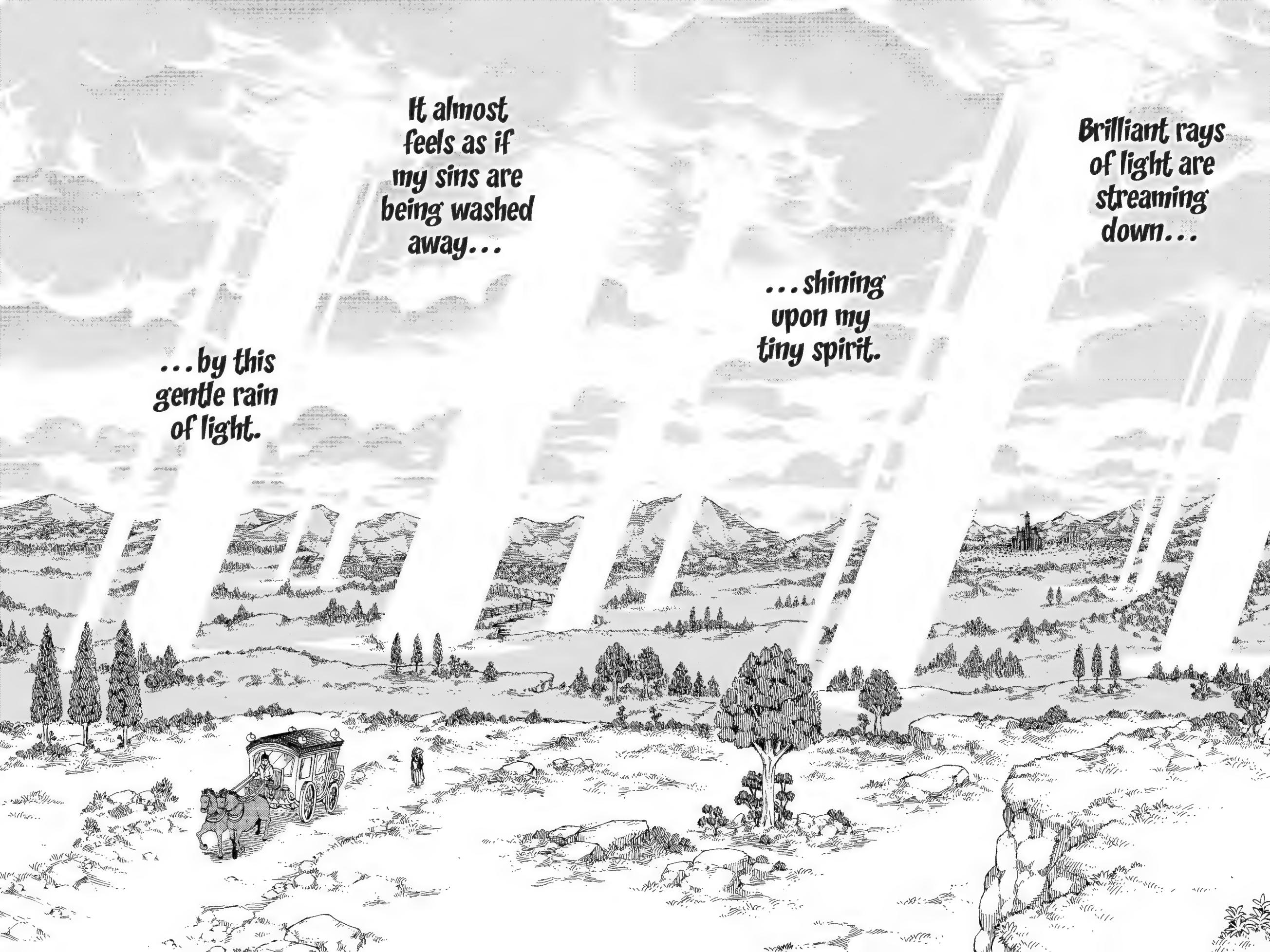
...and
keep
fighting.











...by this
gentle rain
of light.

It almost
feels as if
my sins are
being washed
away...

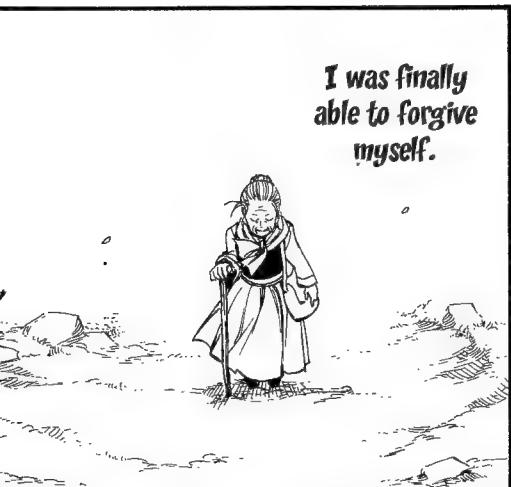
...shining
upon my
tiny spirit.

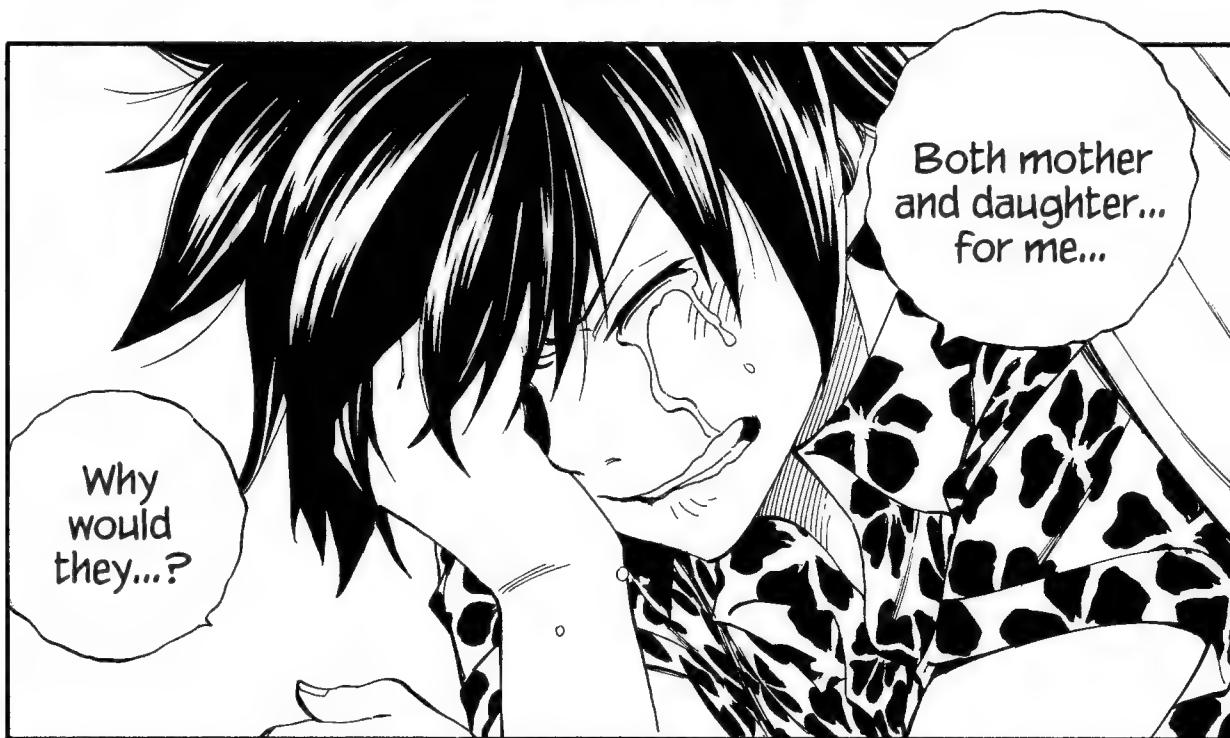
Brilliant rays
of light are
streaming
down...



For the first
time in my
life, I am glad
I was born.









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Chapter 340: Delivery

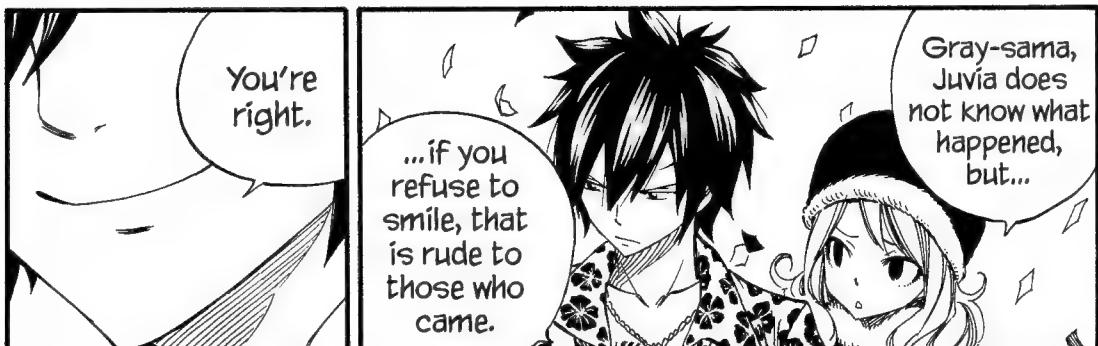
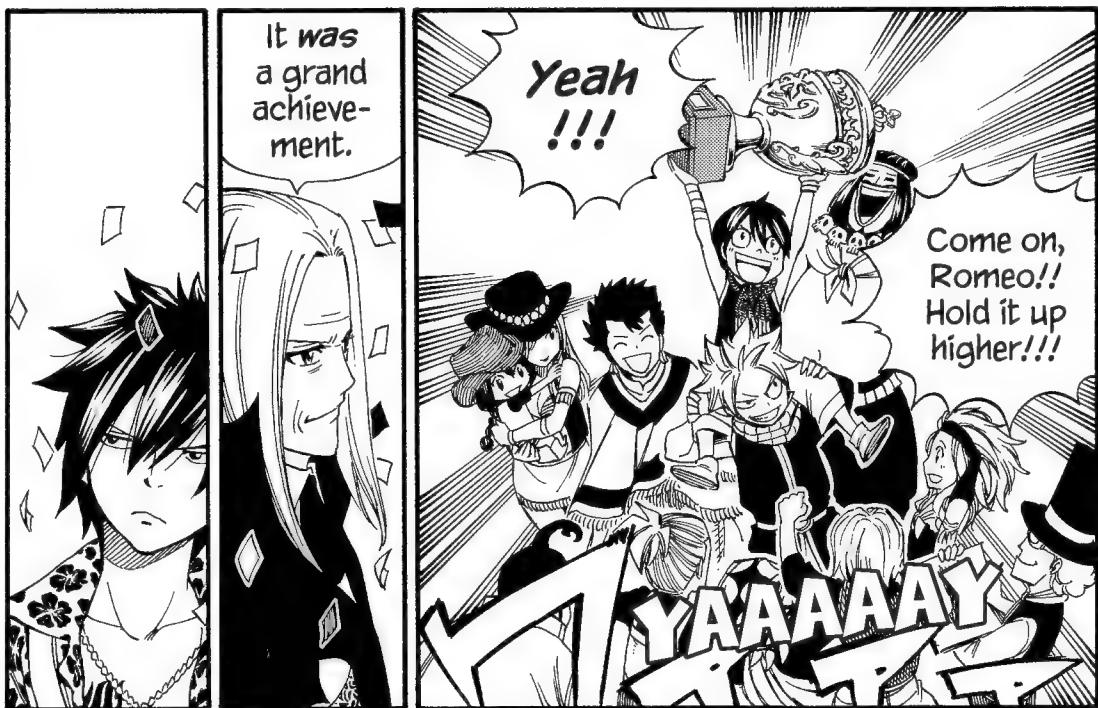


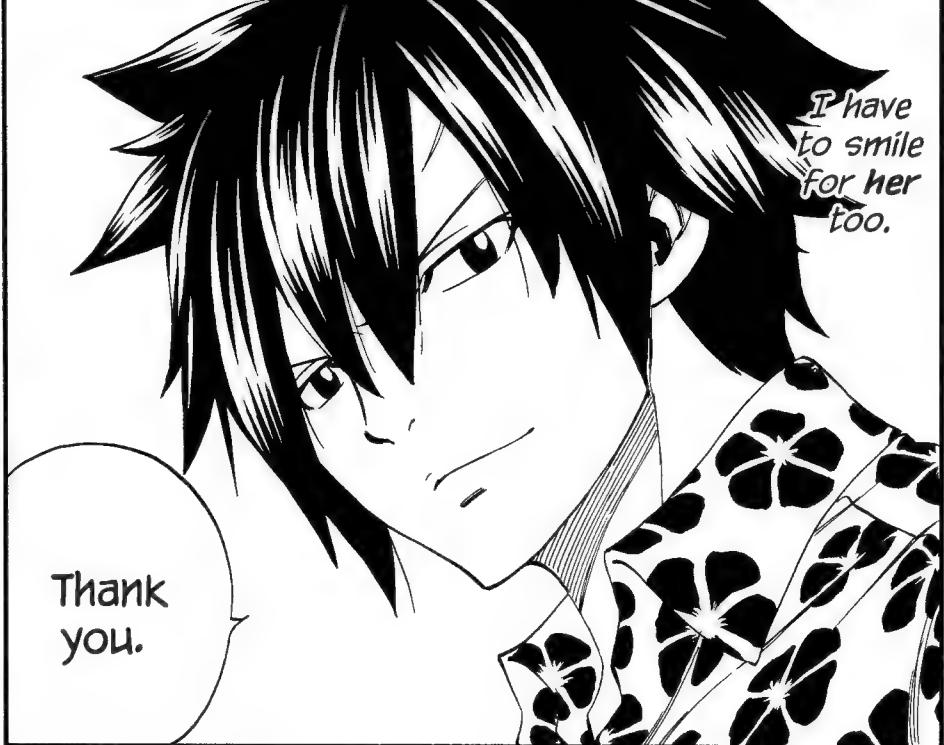
Fairy Tail has returned in triumph!!!!







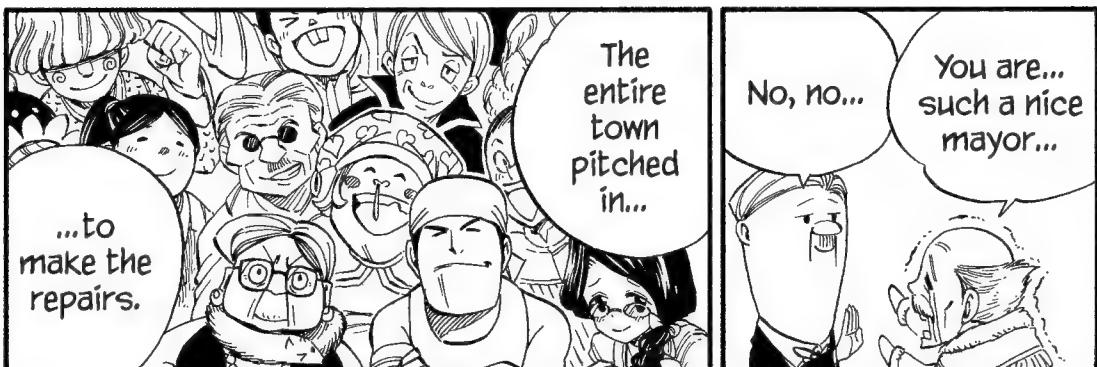


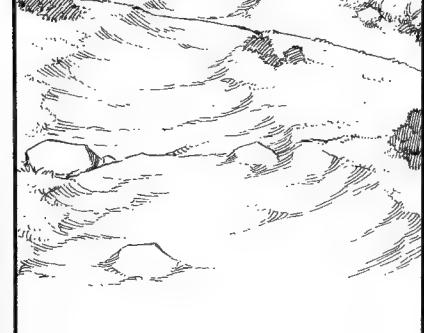
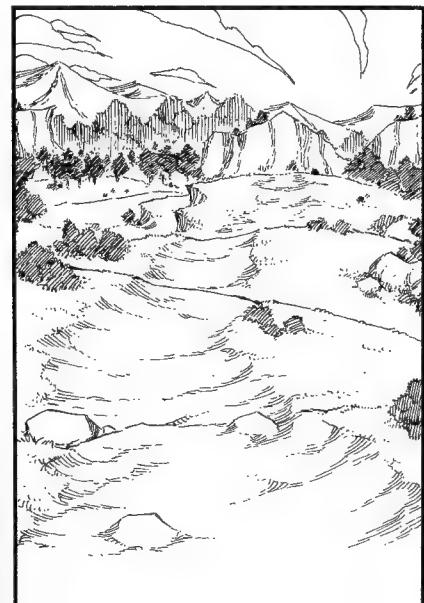
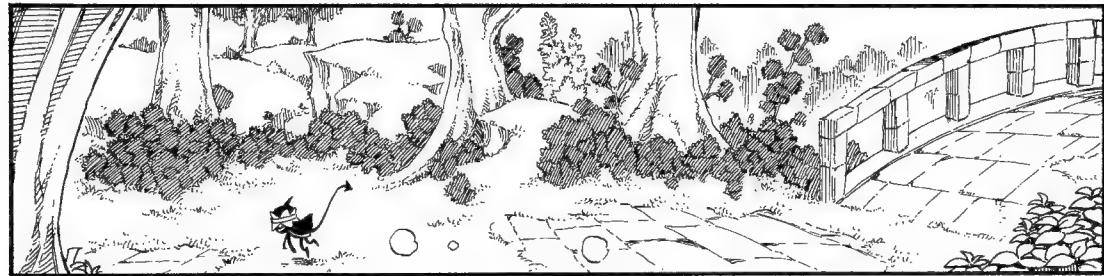
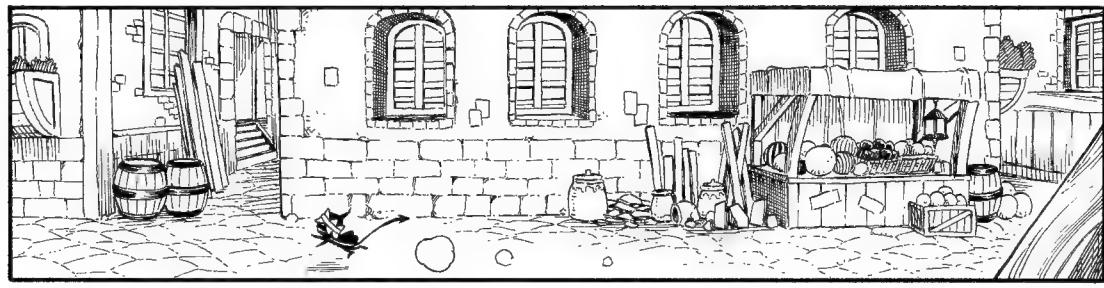
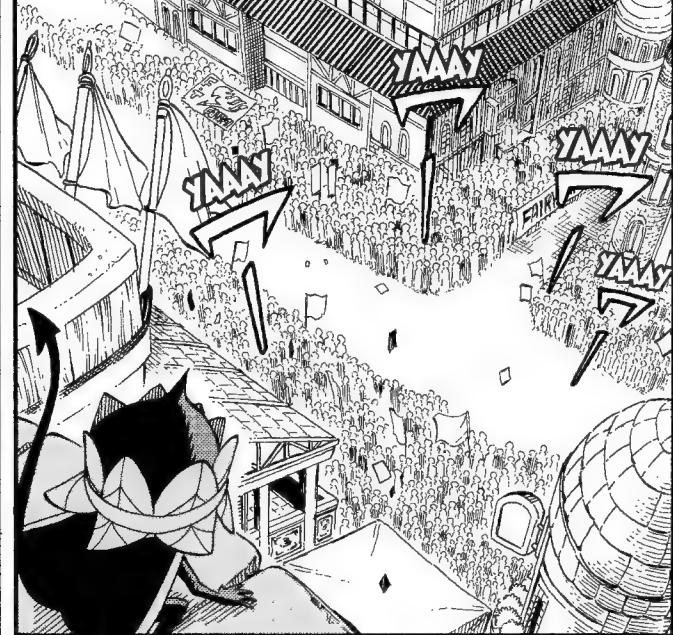




So, as a present, we have repaired your guild building.

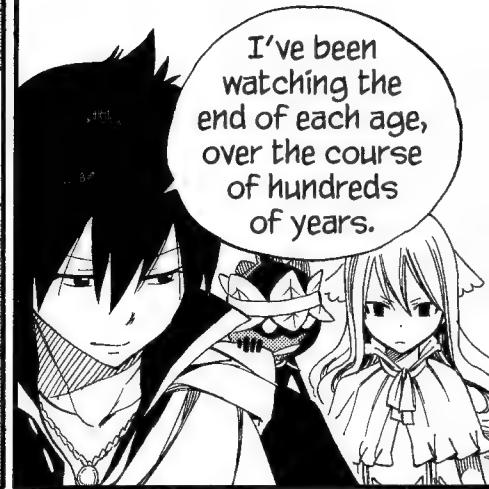
Fairy Tail is the pride of our town!













I will
not leave
a single
one
alive.

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be an
extermin-
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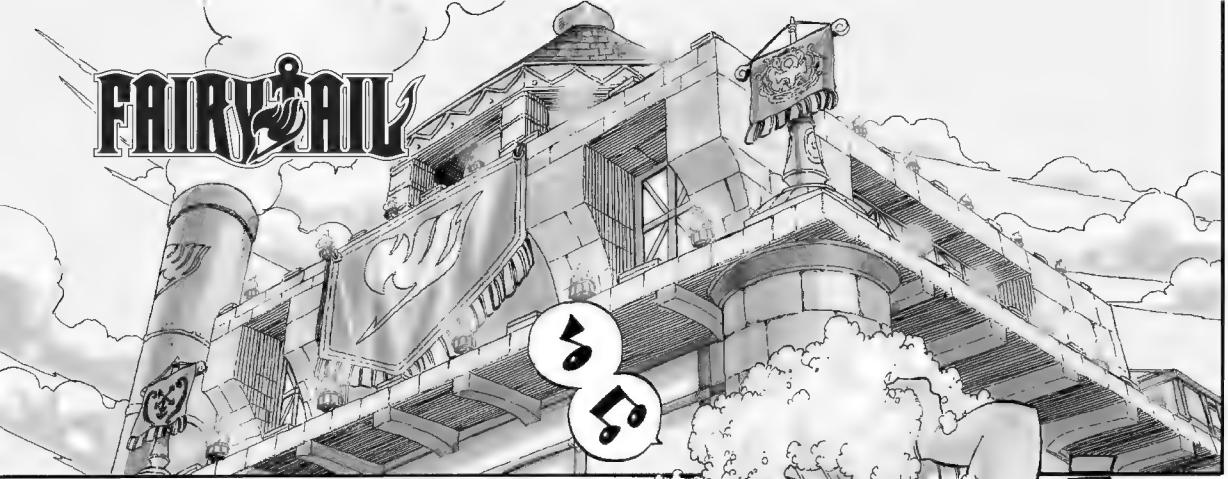


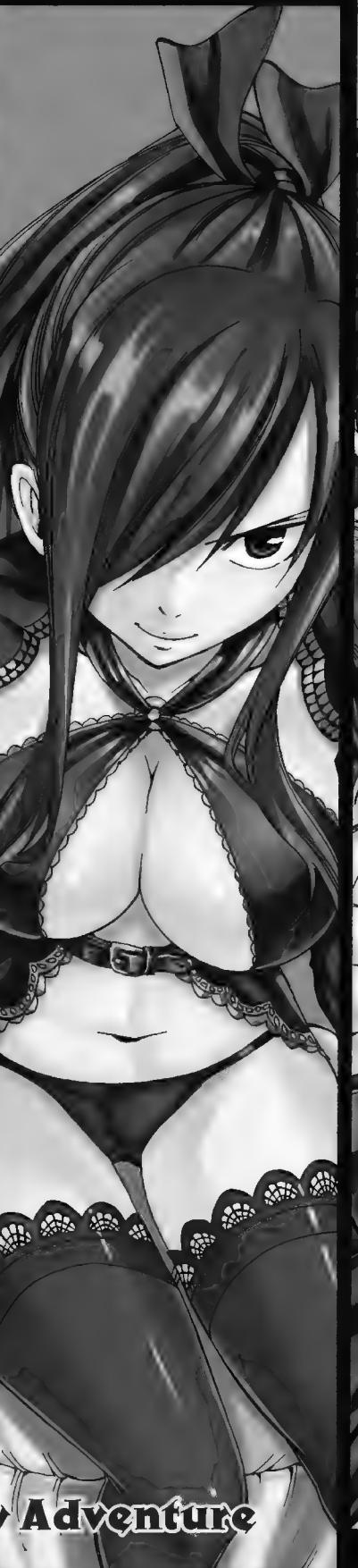
You will
be the one
to meet
your end.

Fairy
Tail will
stop
you.



FAIRY TAIL

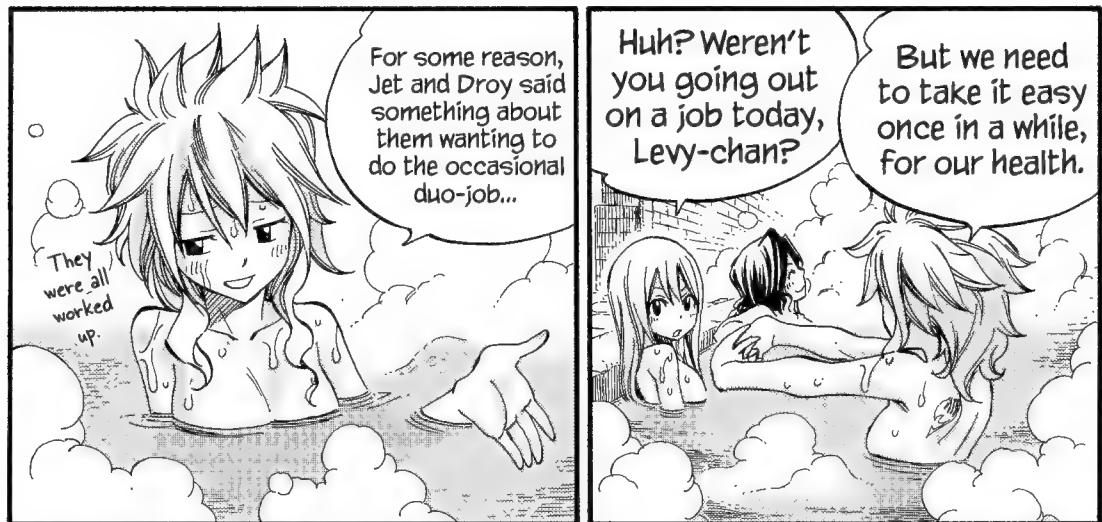


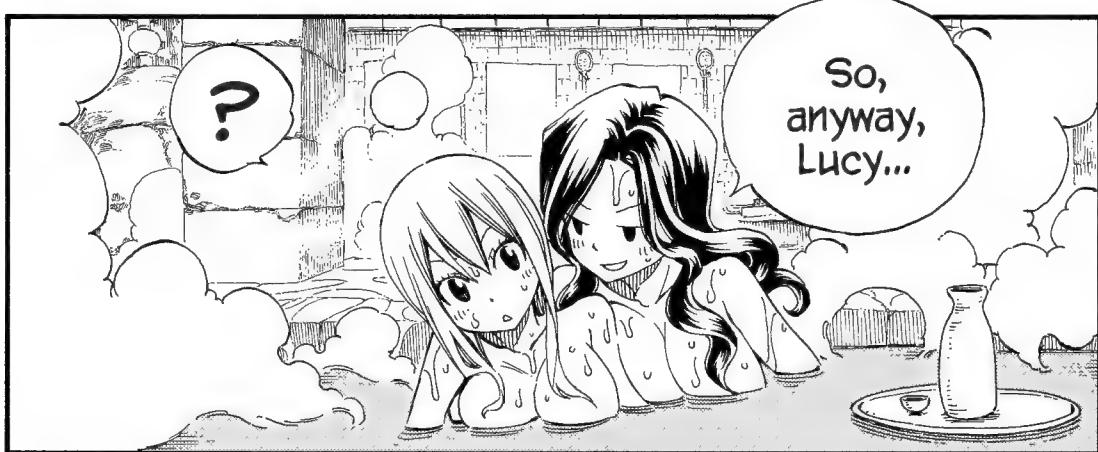


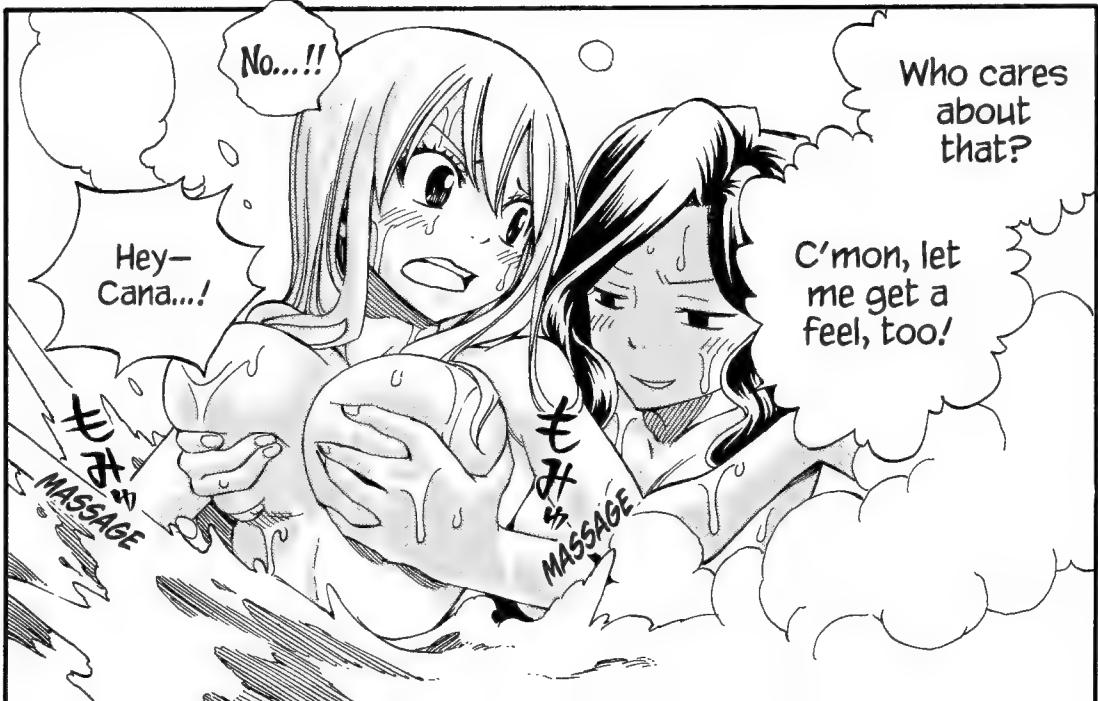
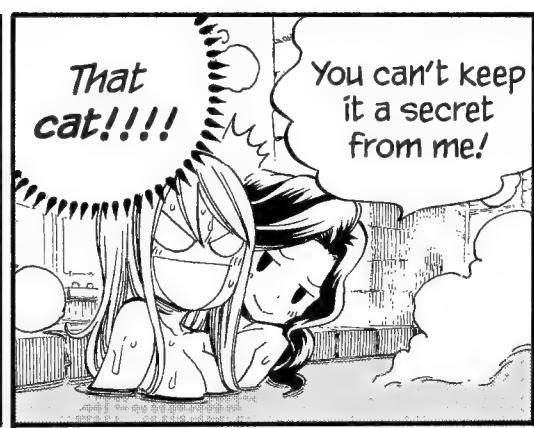
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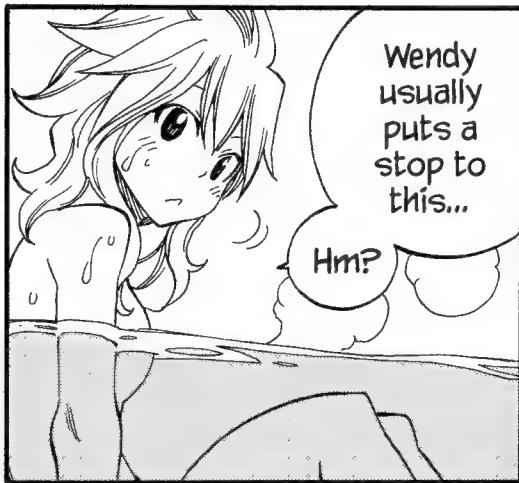


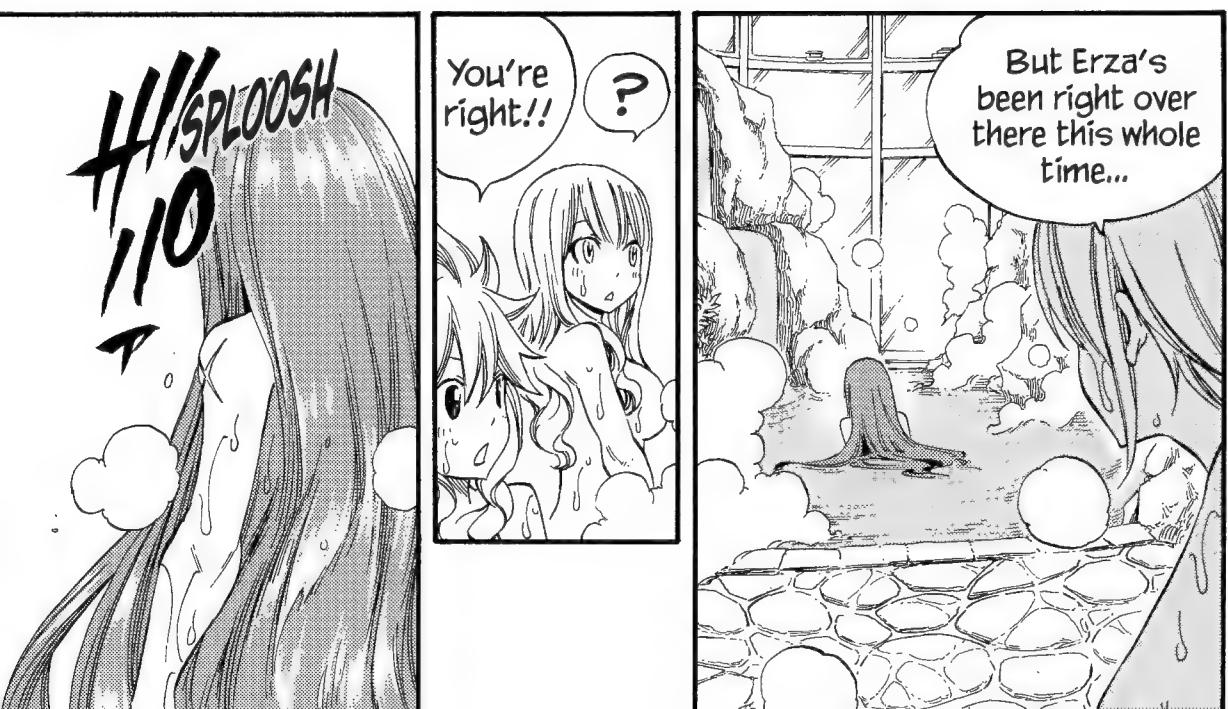
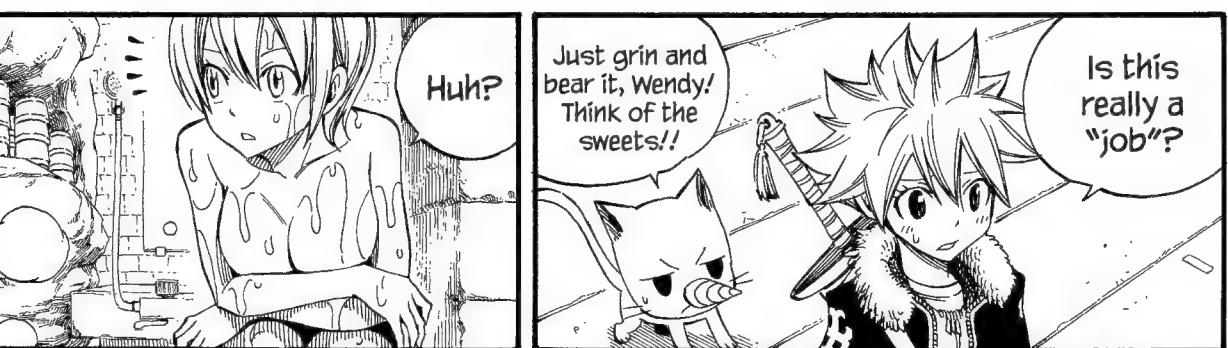
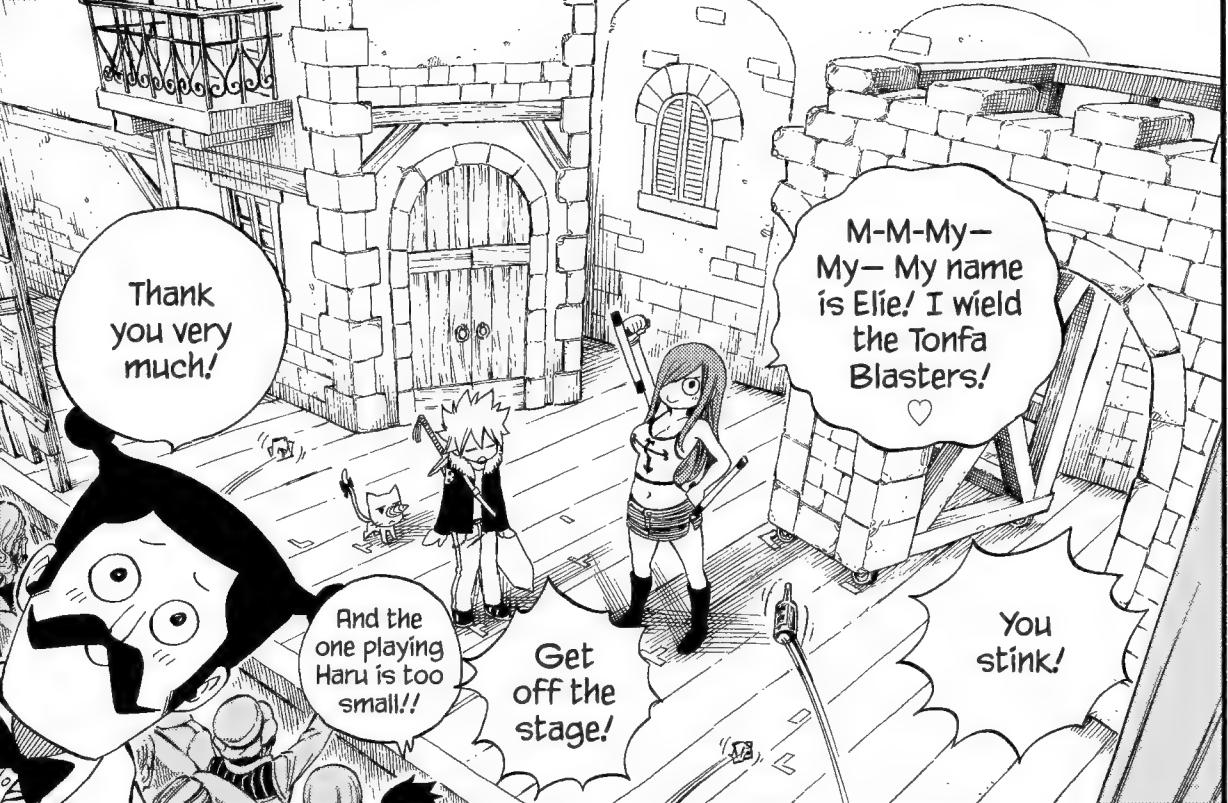
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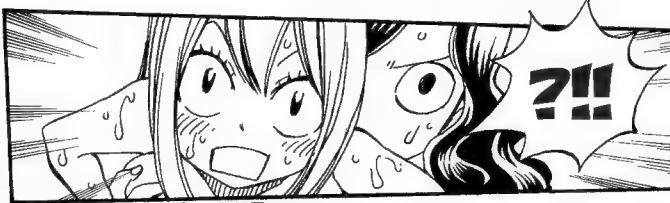
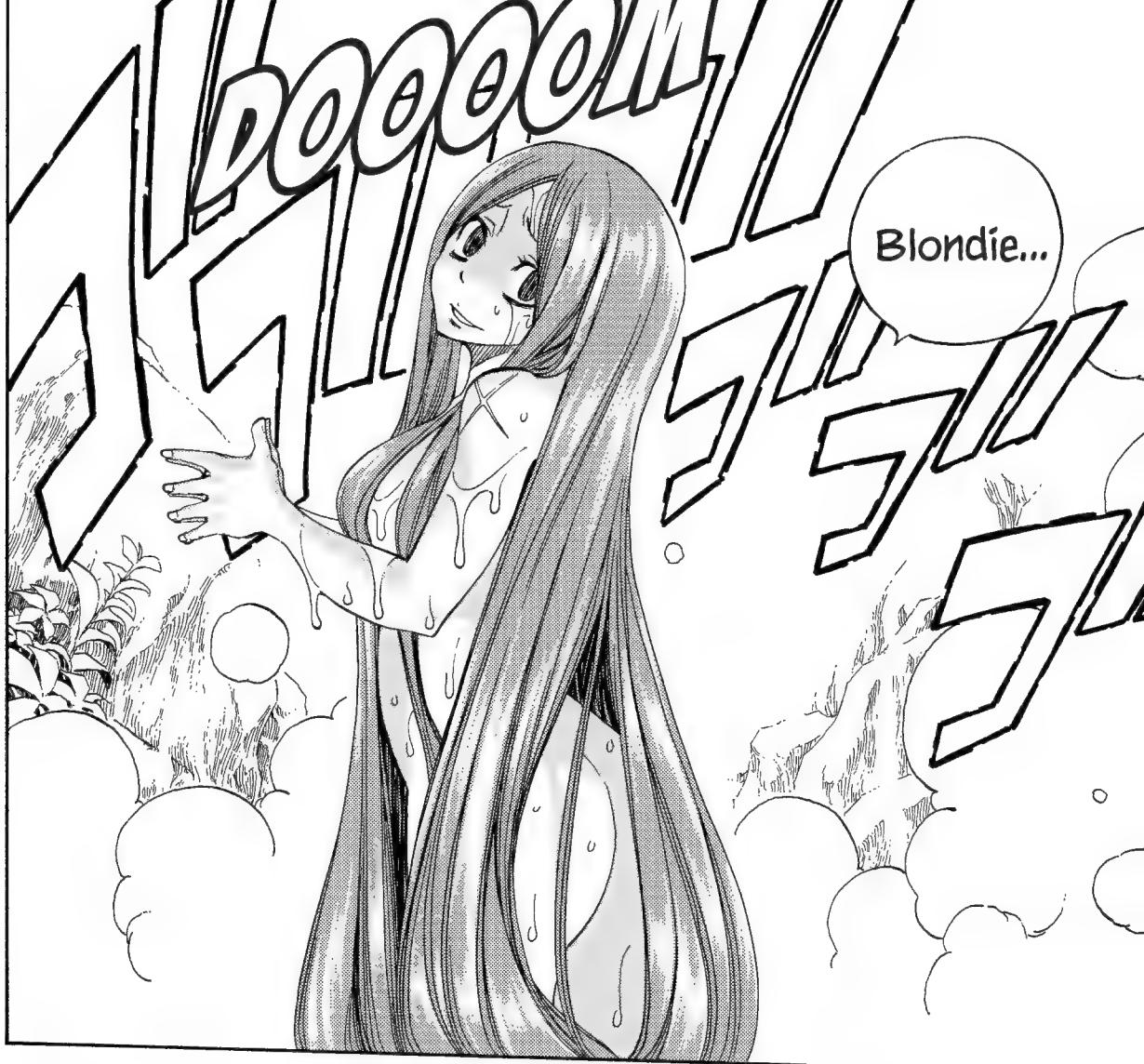


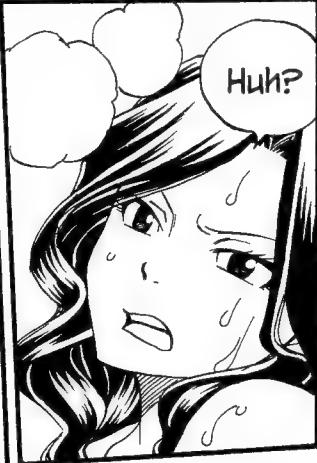
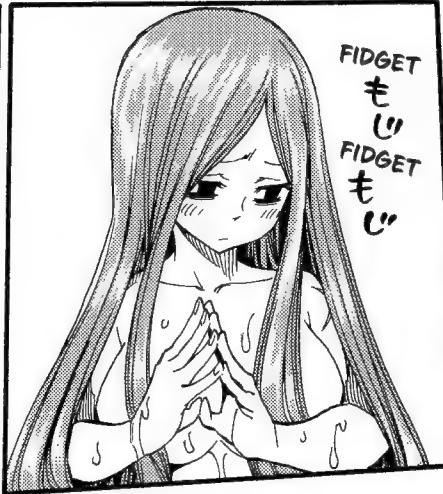


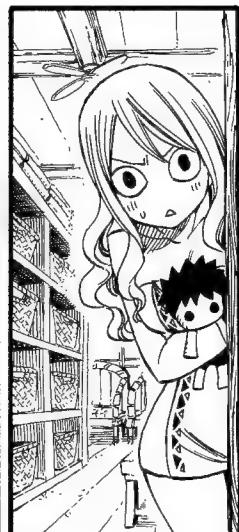
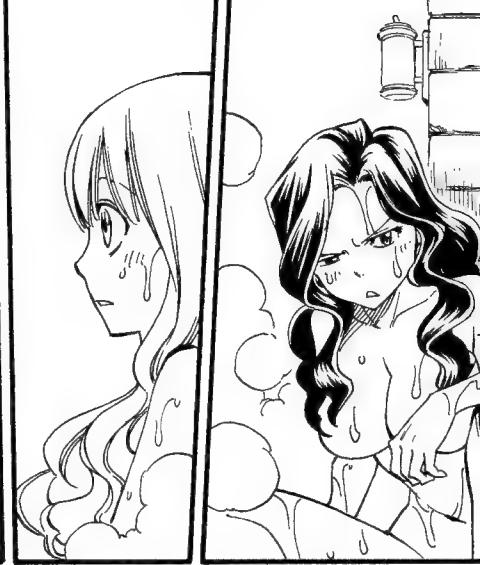


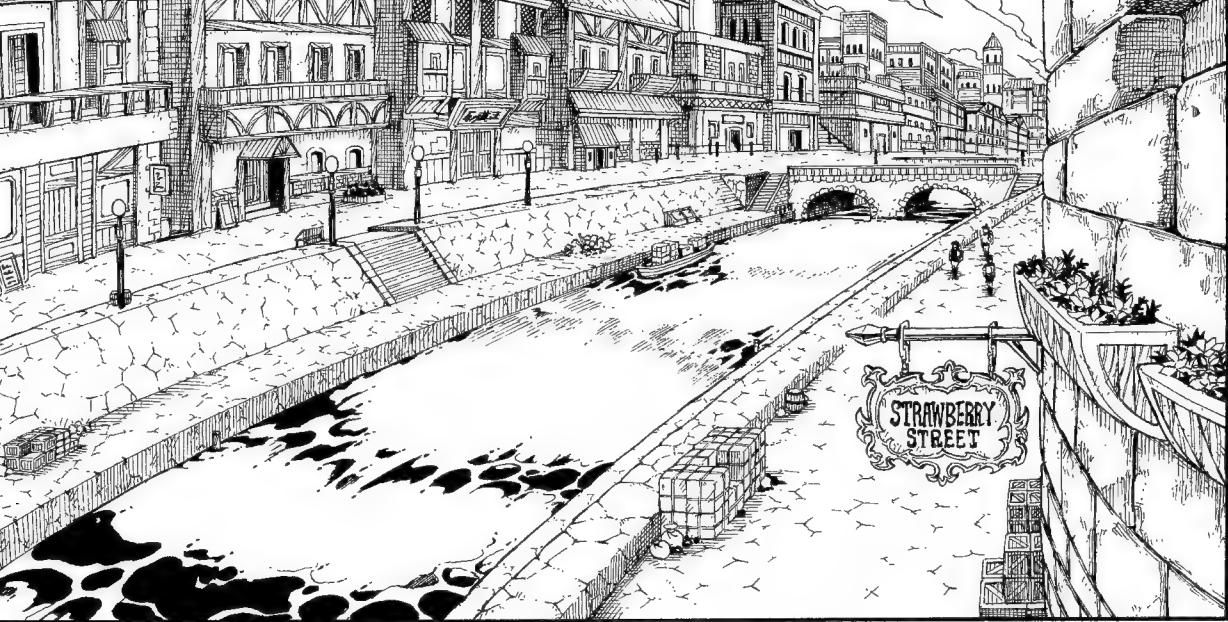








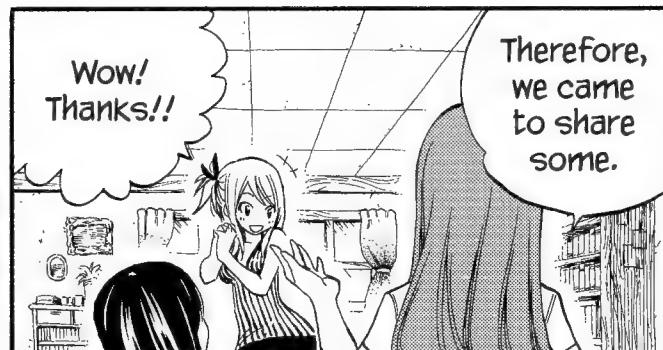


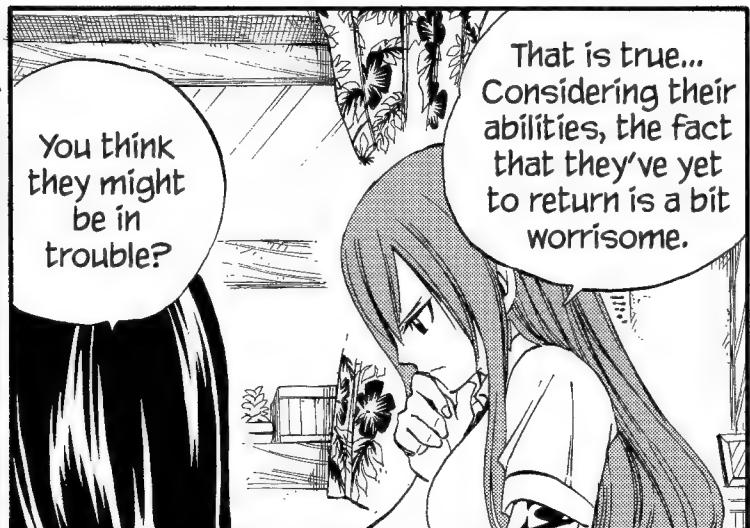


FEELS
JUST
LIKE OLD
TIMES!!!!

We're
imposing
on your
hospitality.

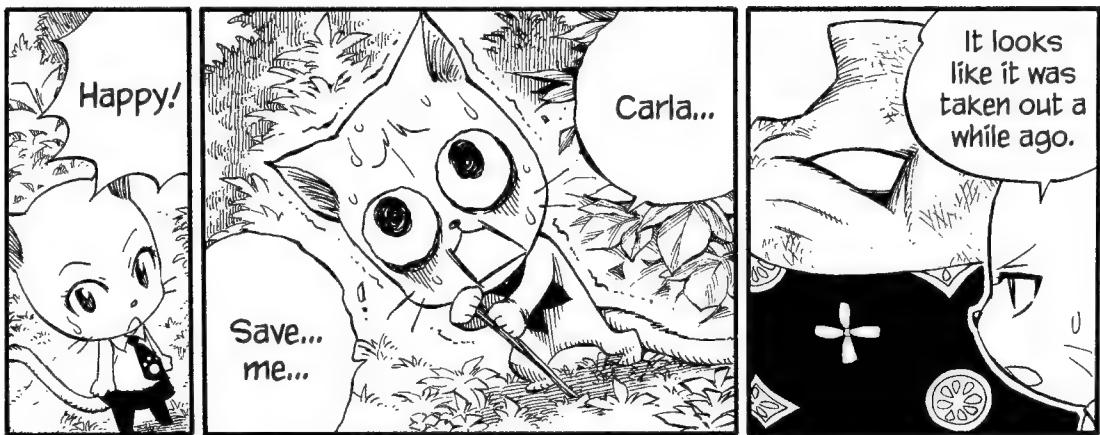
Welcome
home!





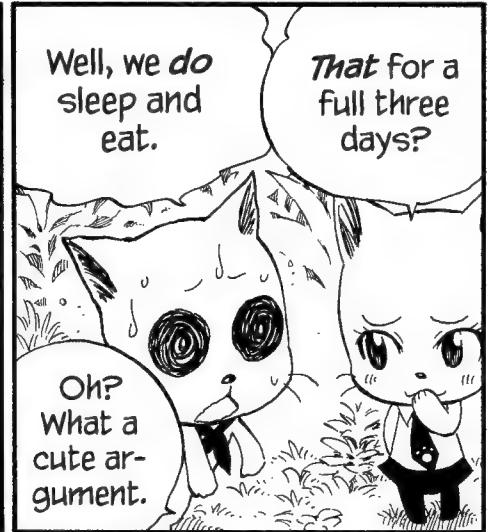
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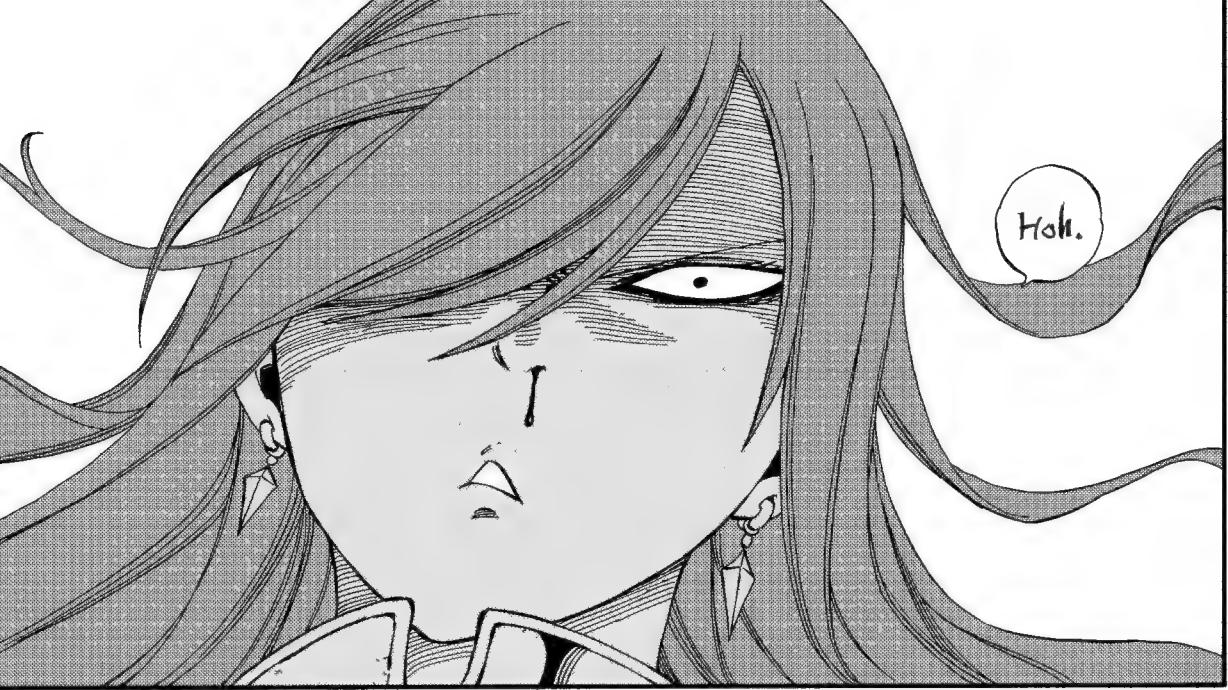
That's my line, you exhibitionist creep!!!!

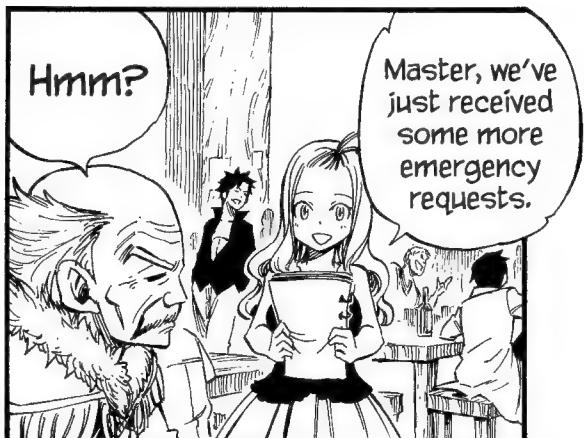
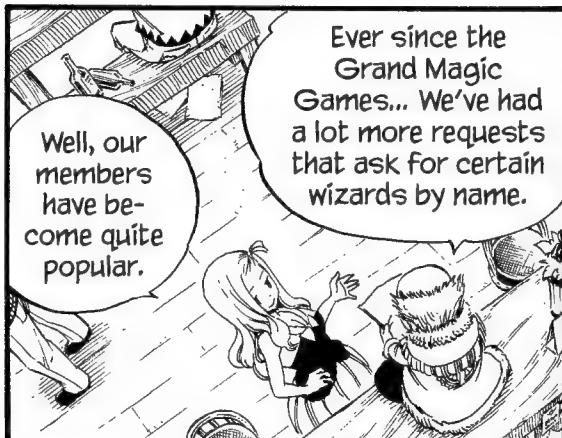


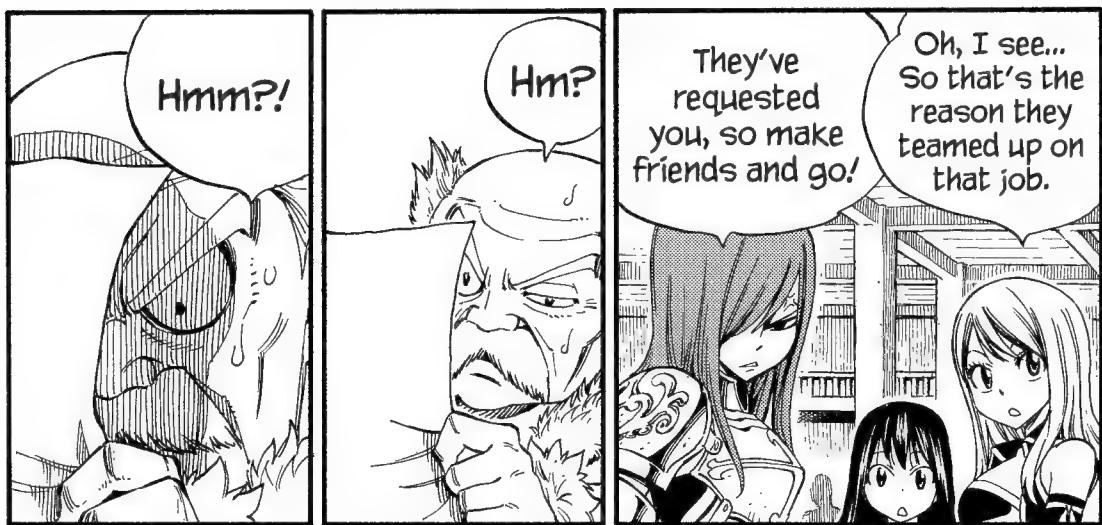
SHADDAP
!!!!

THWAM











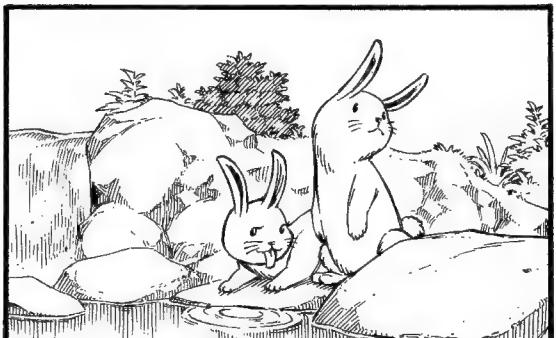
The one
who put in
the request
is Warrod
Sequen.

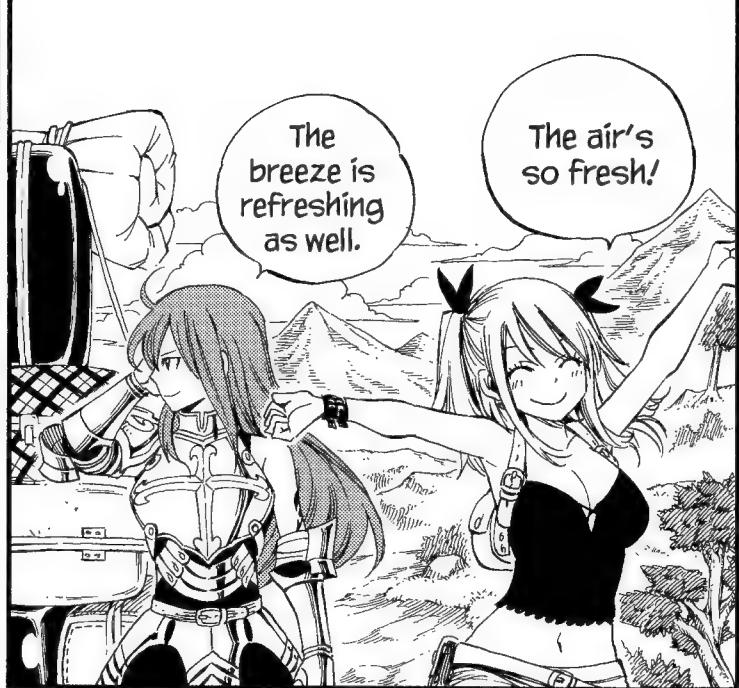
He is ranked
fourth among
the wizard
saints, and has
been dubbed
one of the Four
Emperors of
Ishgal.





Chapter 342: Warrod Sequen

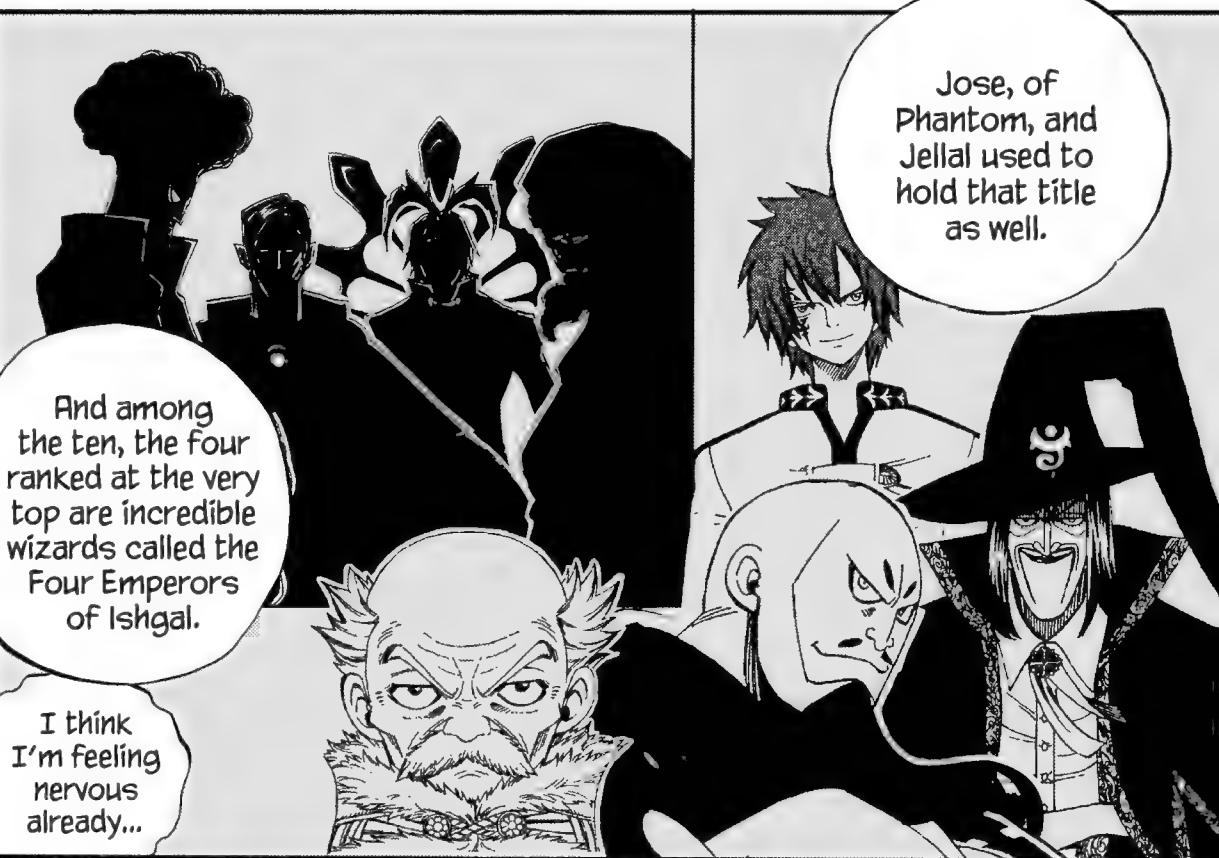




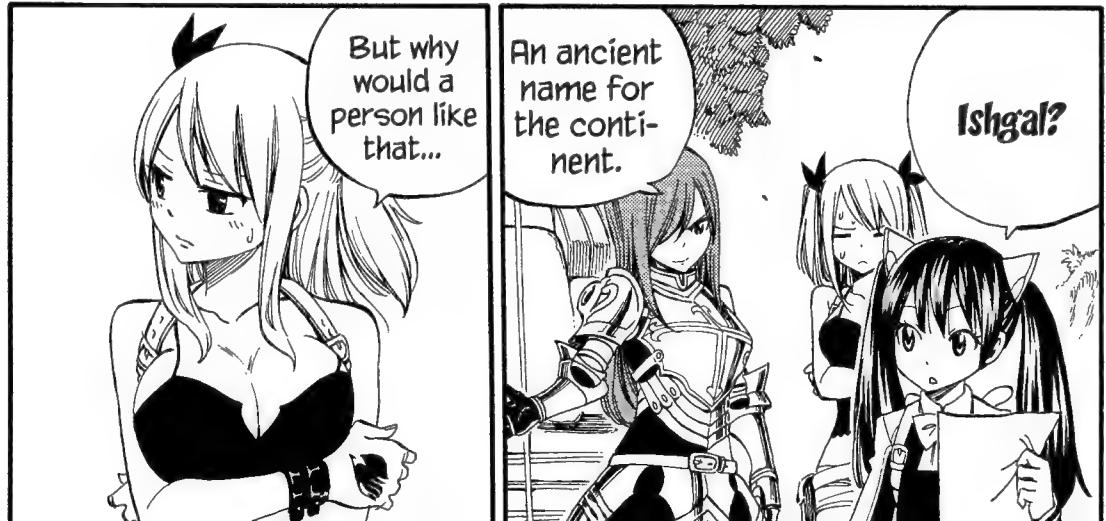
Indeed. Our master and Jura of Lamia are two of them.

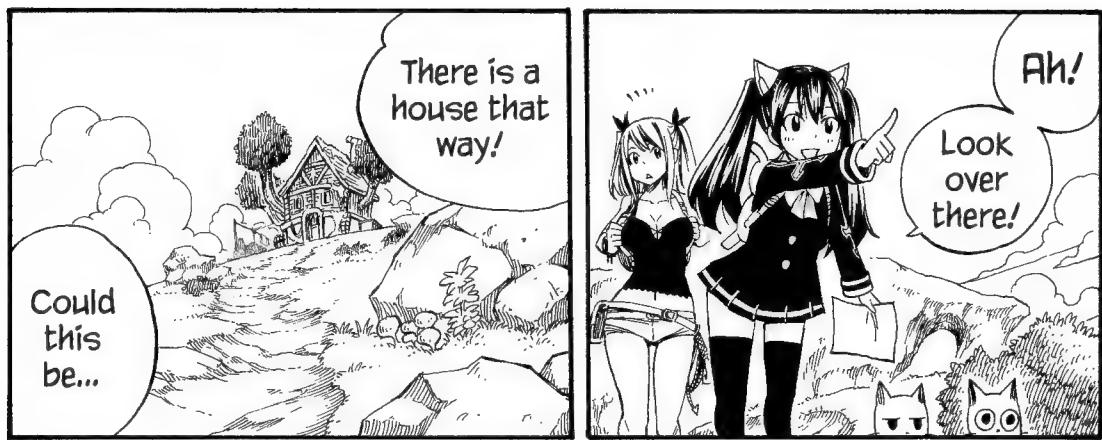
If I remember right, these ten wizard saints are the ten strongest wizards on the entire continent, according to the Council...

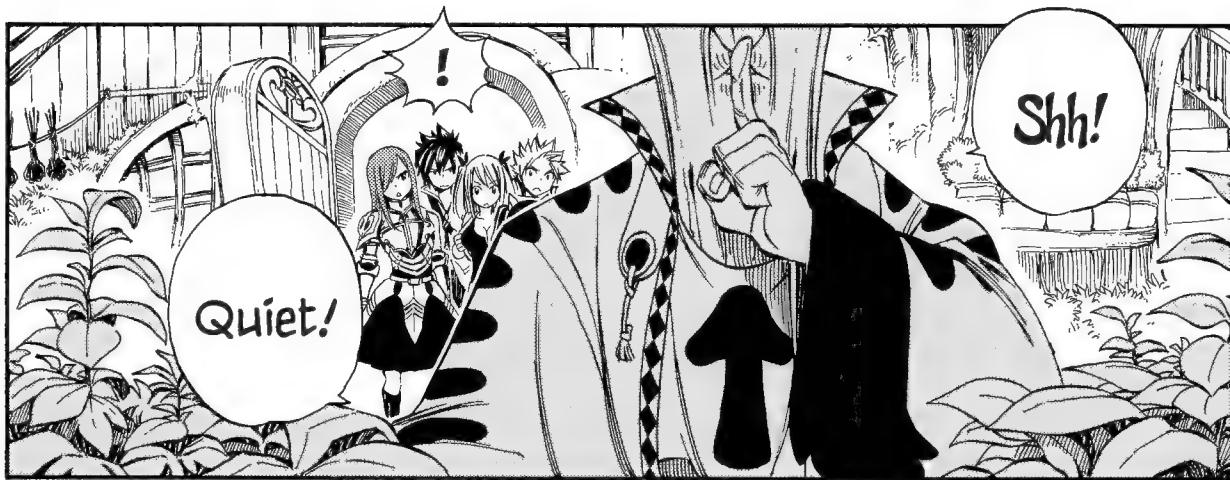
Was that it?



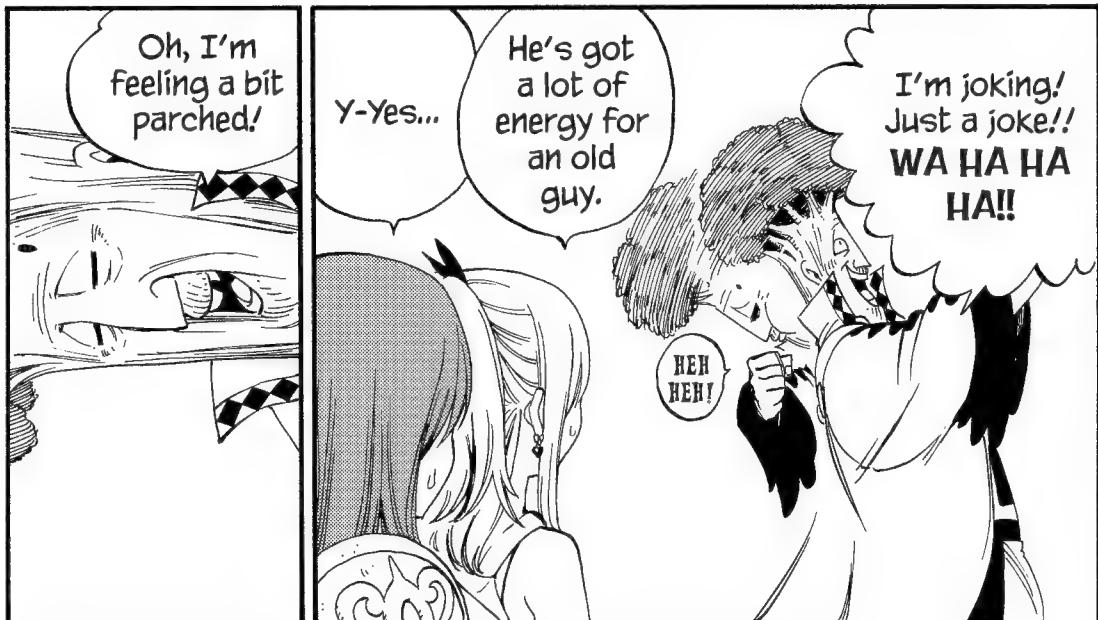
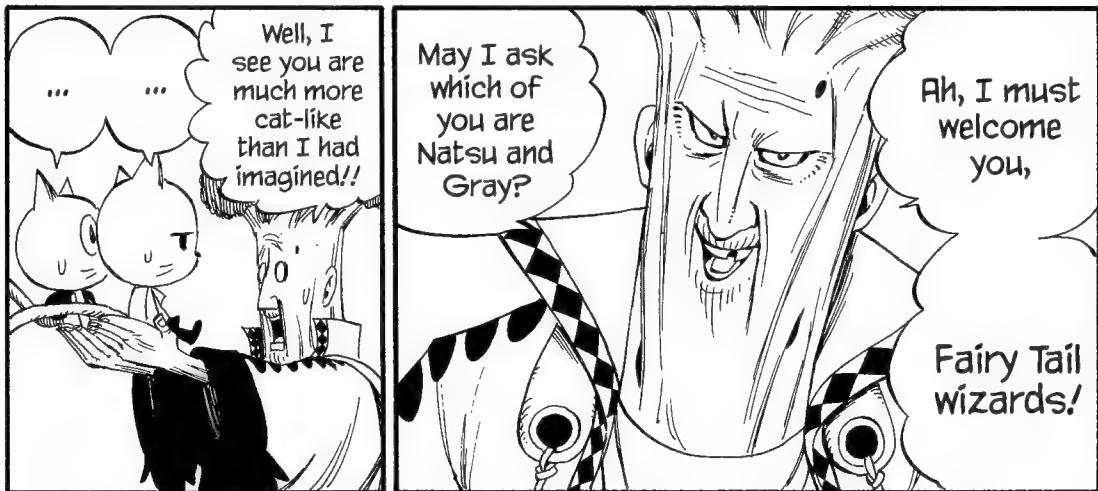
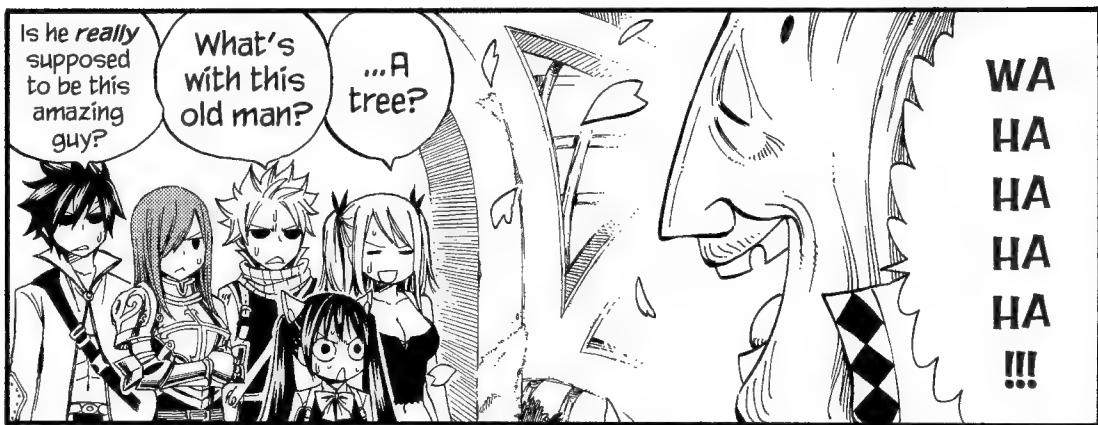
Jose, of Phantom, and Jellal used to hold that title as well.

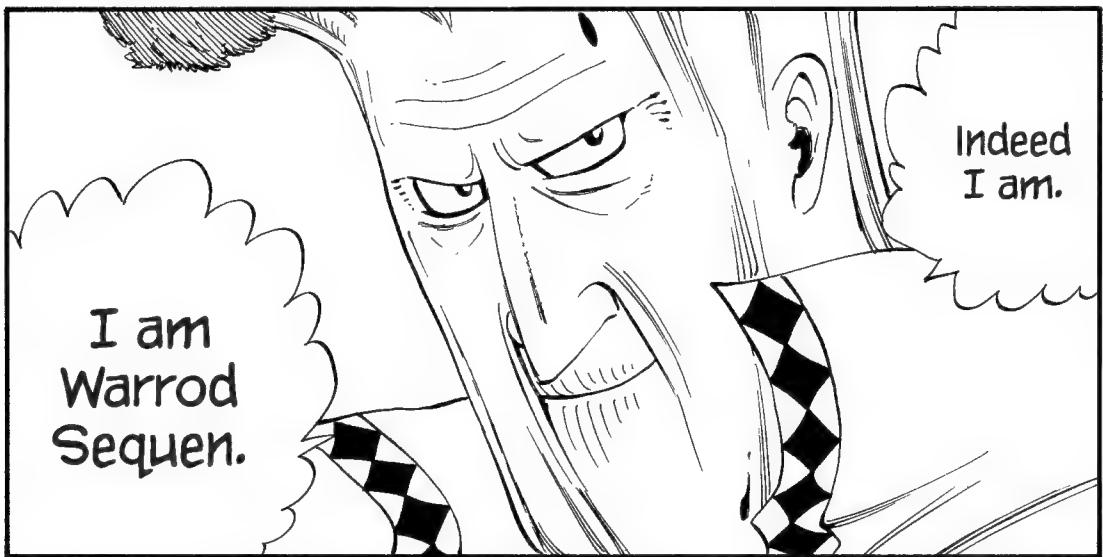
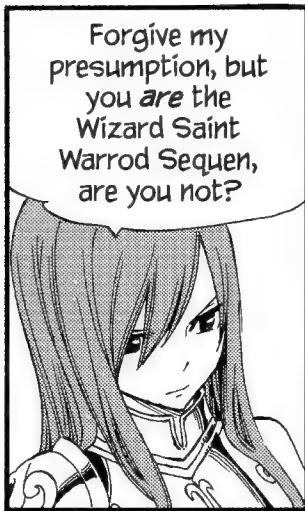


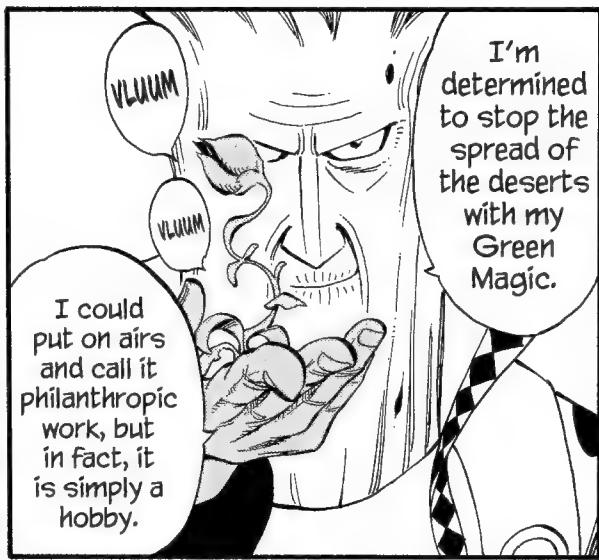
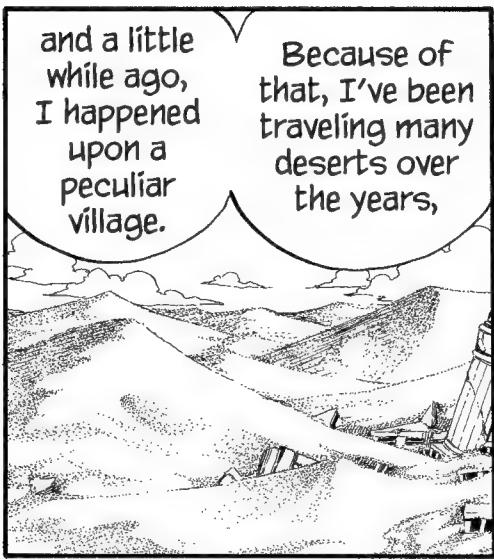
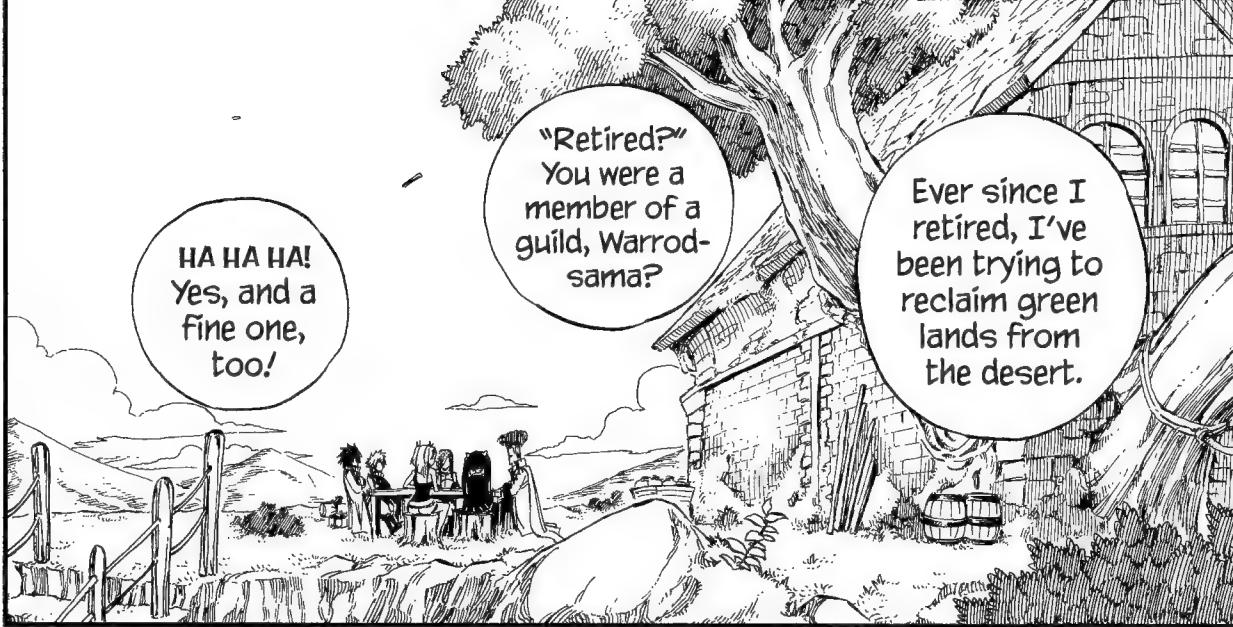




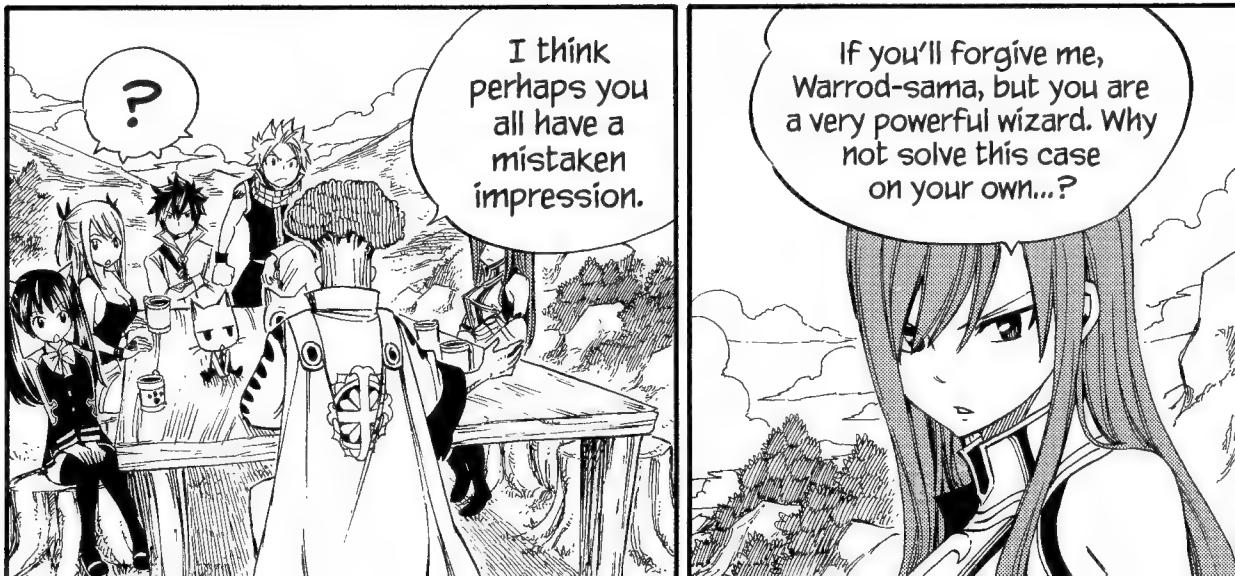














On the continent of Ishgal alone, I am surpassed by innumerable wizards, and if we leave Ishgal, then I am really quite small in the scheme of things.

We're called the ten wizard saints, but we are not all-powerful. We were assigned the position by the Council without us having a say in the matter.



All have their strengths and weaknesses. Don't we have comrades to supplement our weaknesses with their strengths? Is that not what a guild is for?



Perhaps, but...

In fact, I know very little in the ways of attack magic.

I sincerely doubt I could defeat any young wizards in a battle.



Please leave it to us!!

Right!!

Consider this job taken!!

Just so. Wise words, indeed.



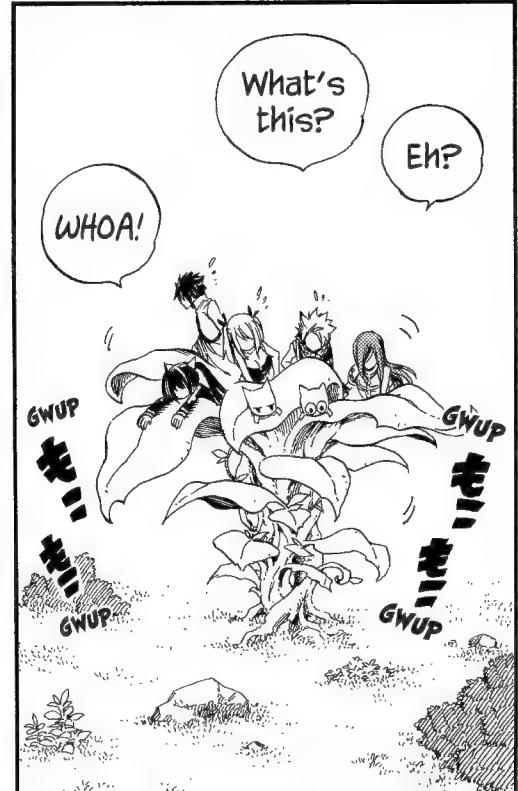
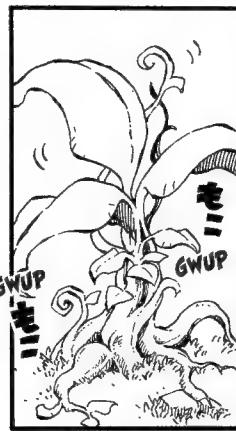
Well, at least I can help transport you.

UMPH!

It is perhaps 1,200 miles to the south.

So where is this village?

Quite a distance.



YAHOOOO!!!!

The tree moves like a living creature...

You're about to fall off.

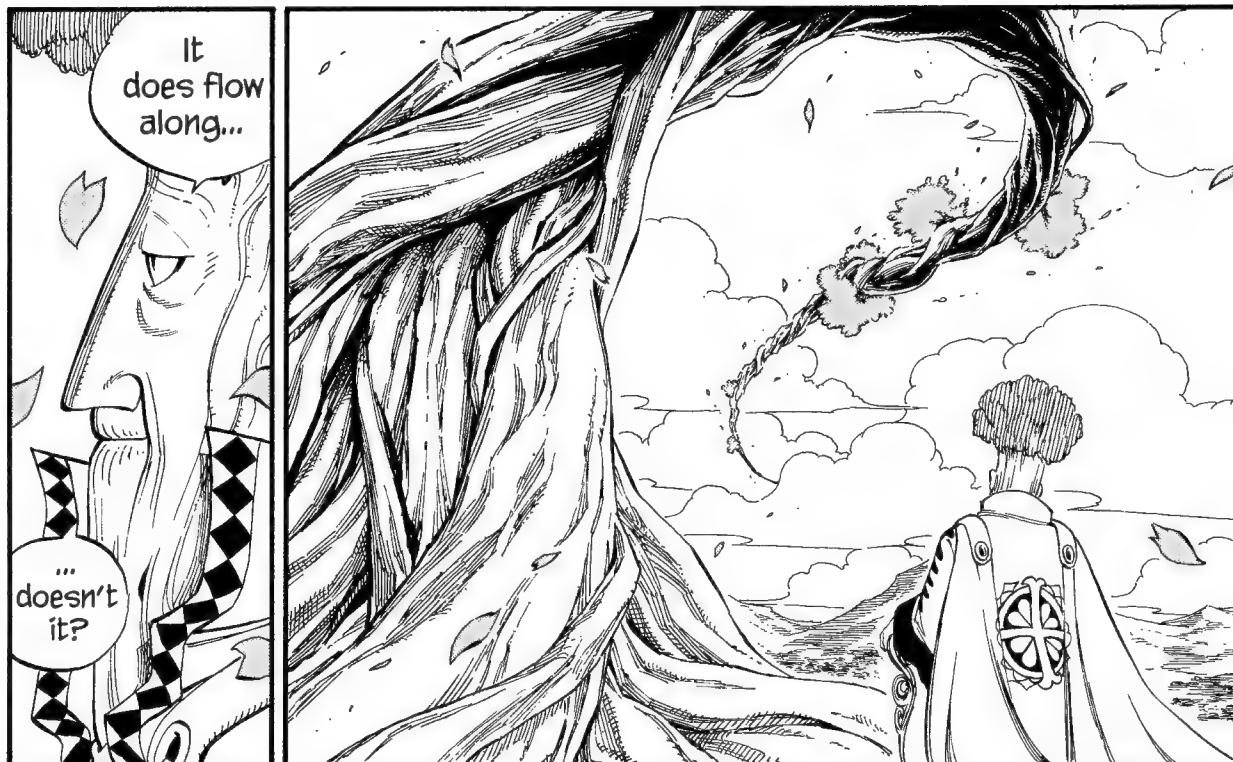
It's like we're on a ride!

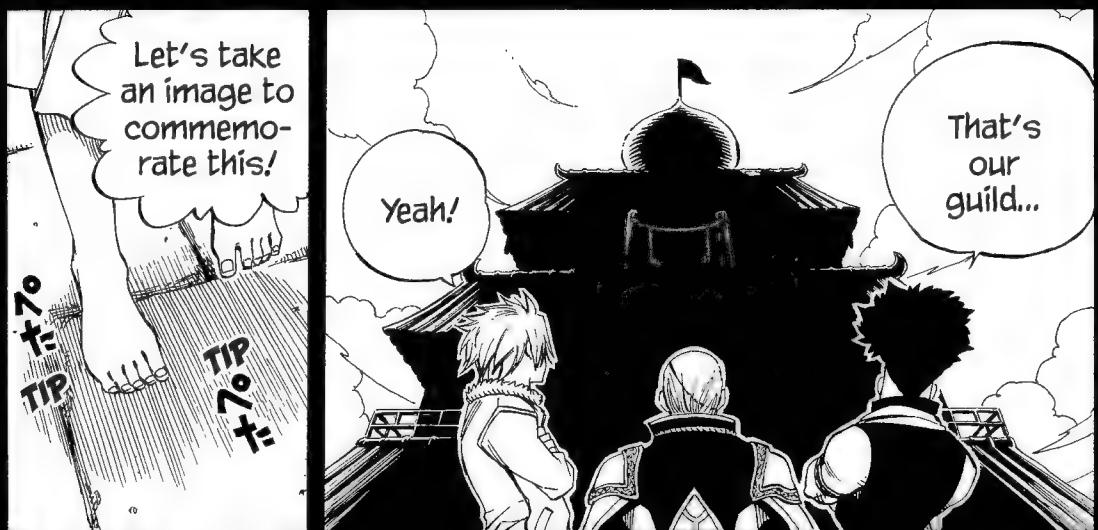
Yaay!

Amazing!

WOOHOO

WOOHOO

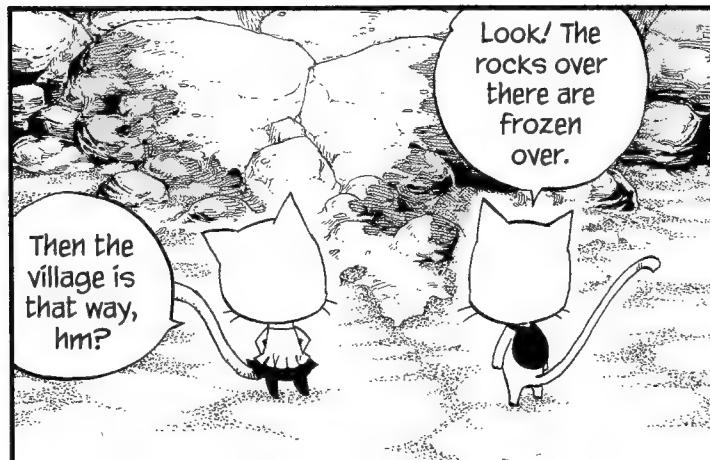


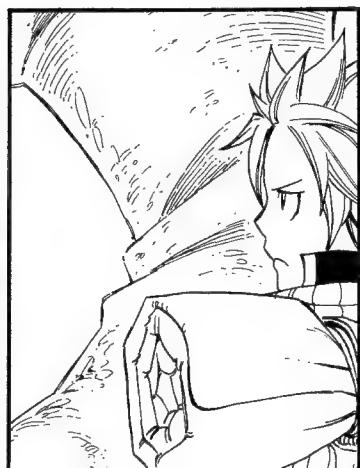
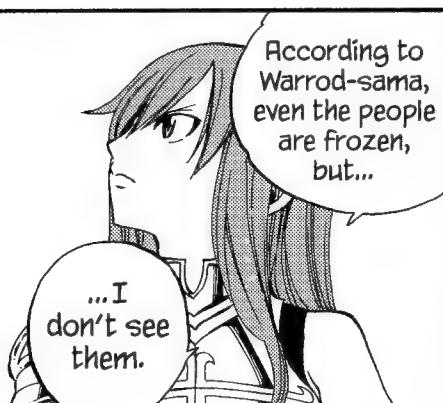
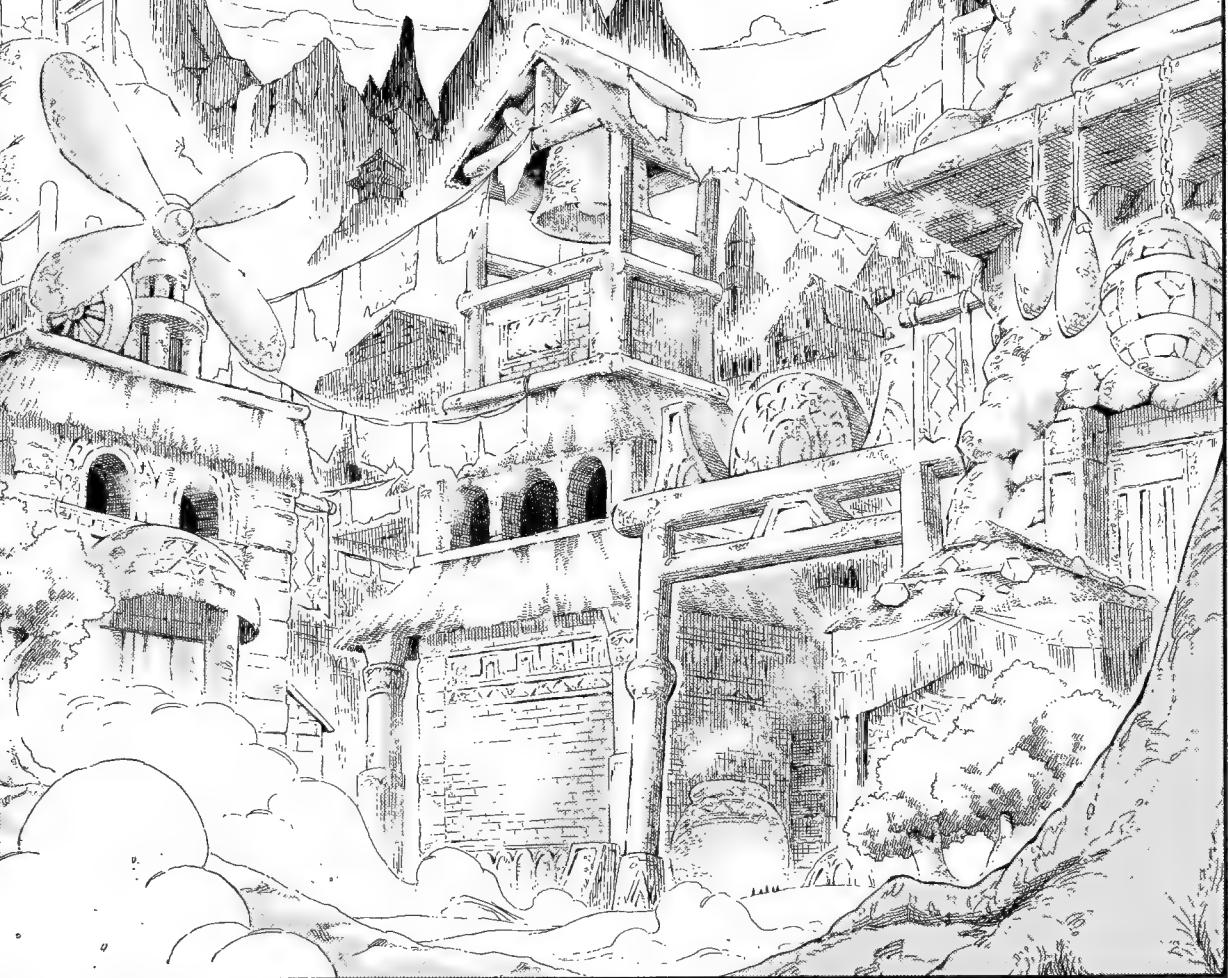






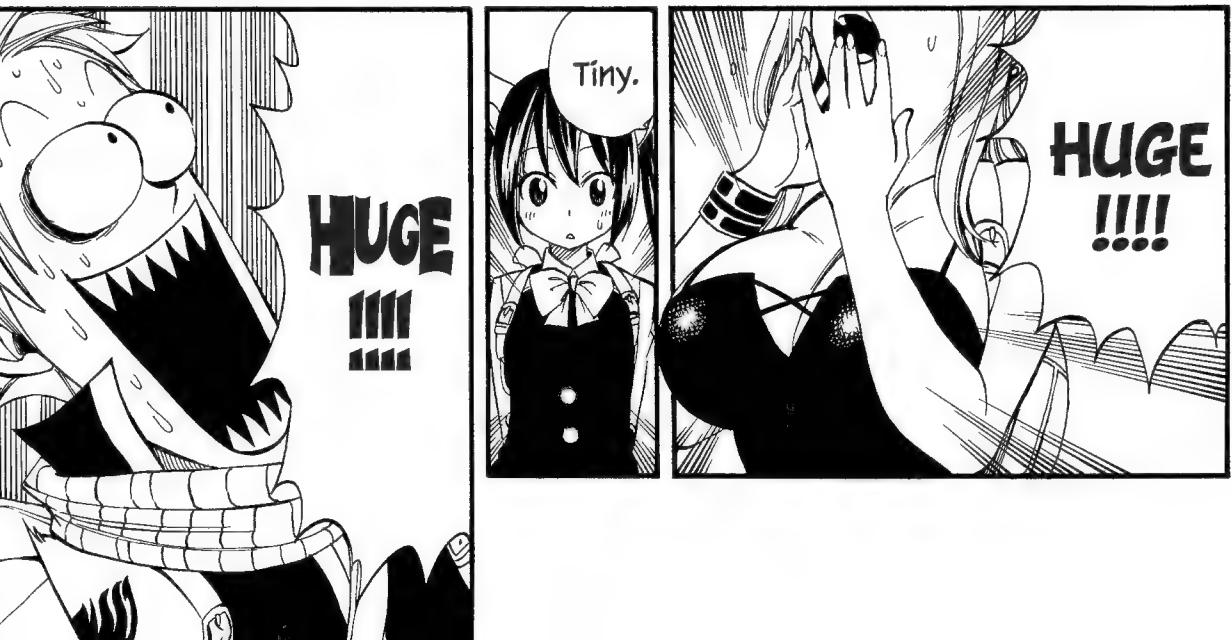
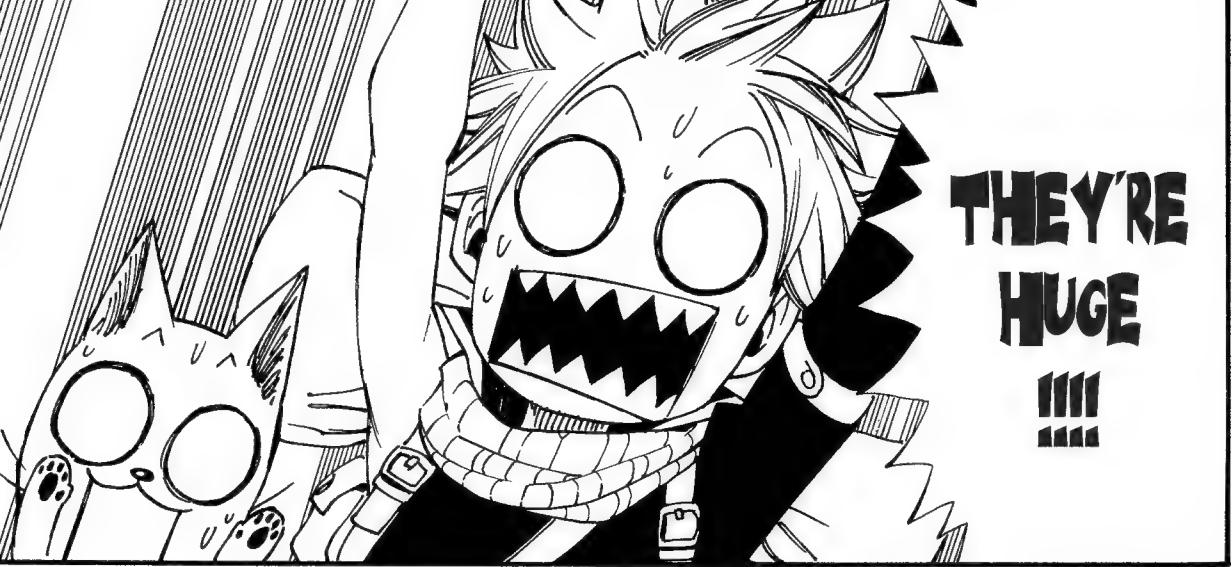
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**Treasure
Hunters**

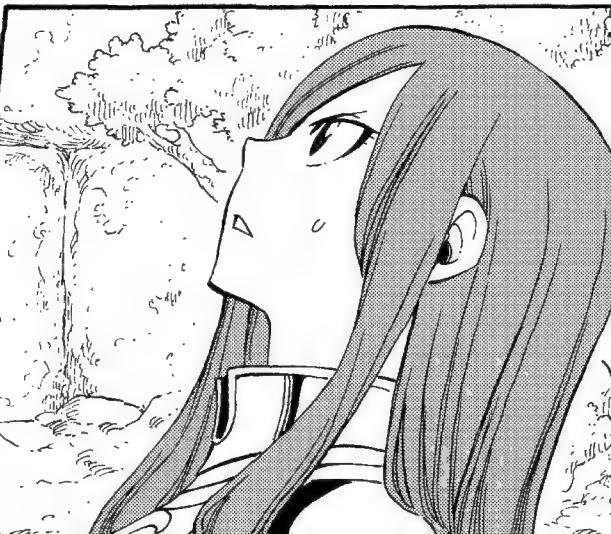


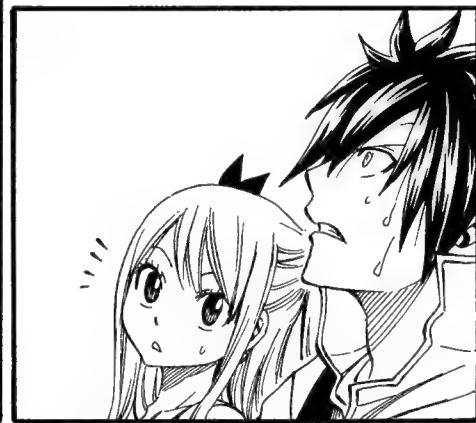


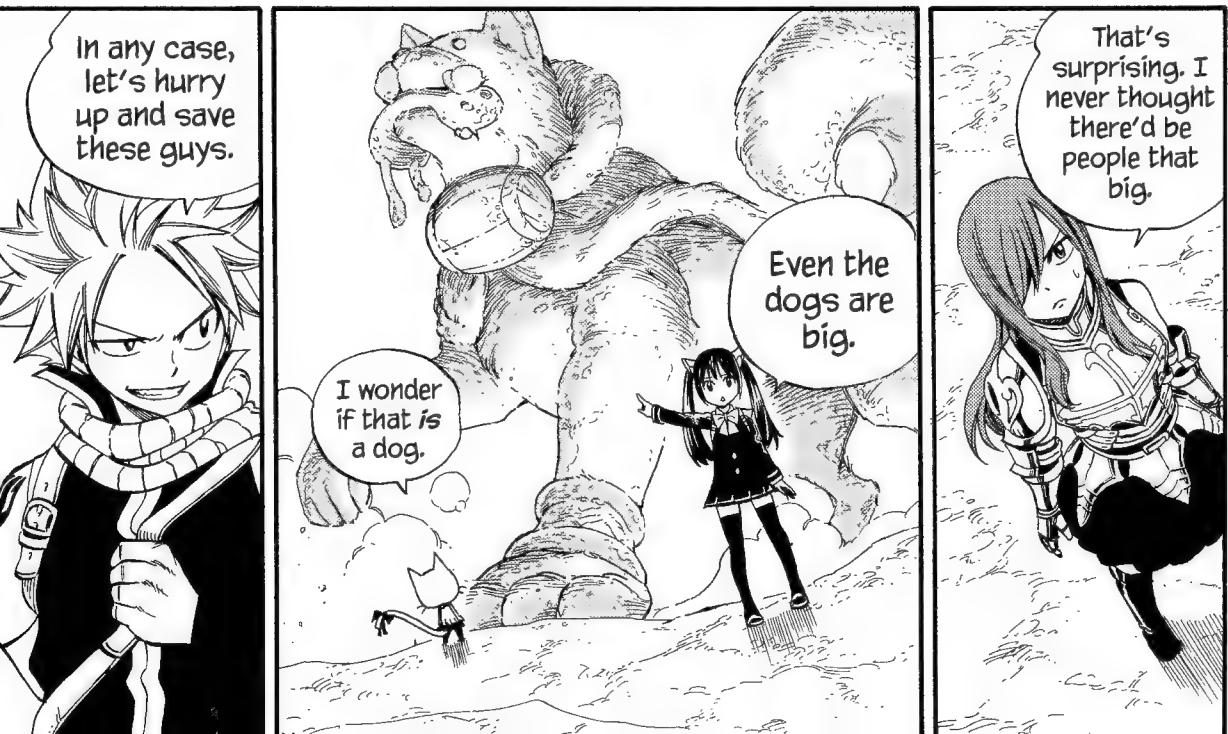
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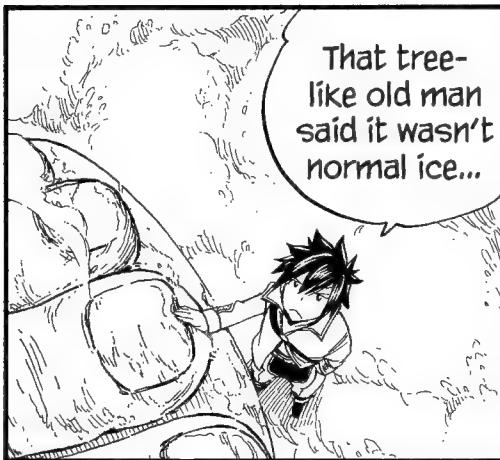




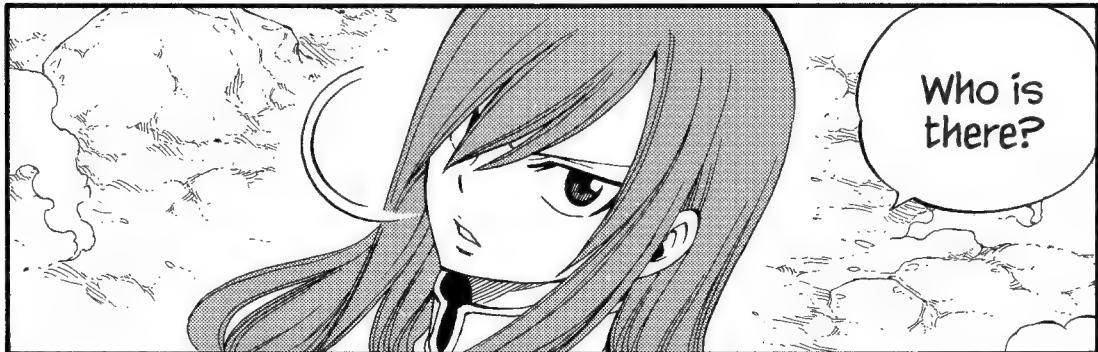










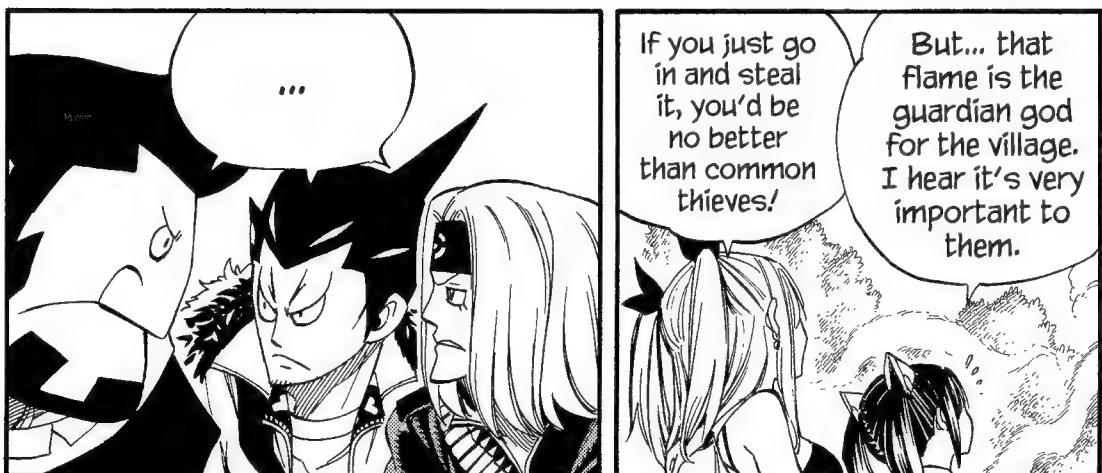
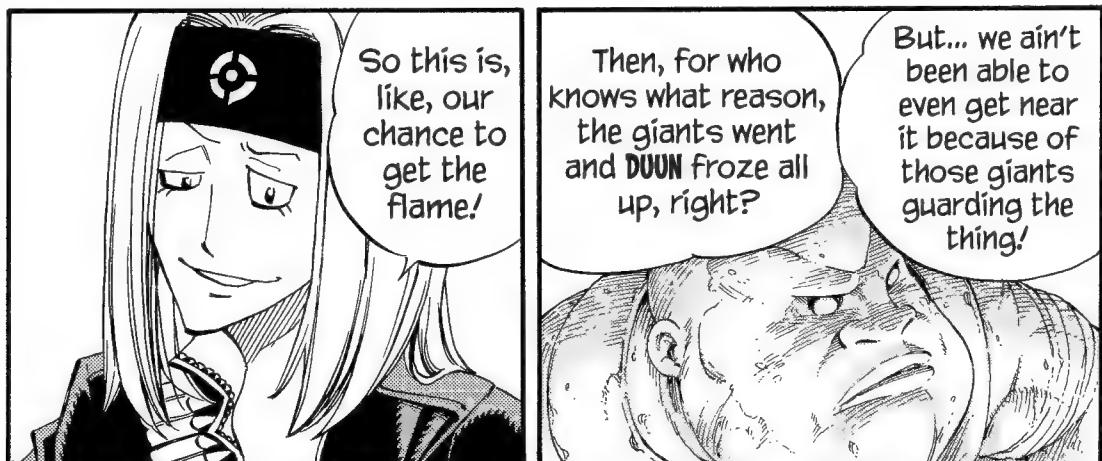
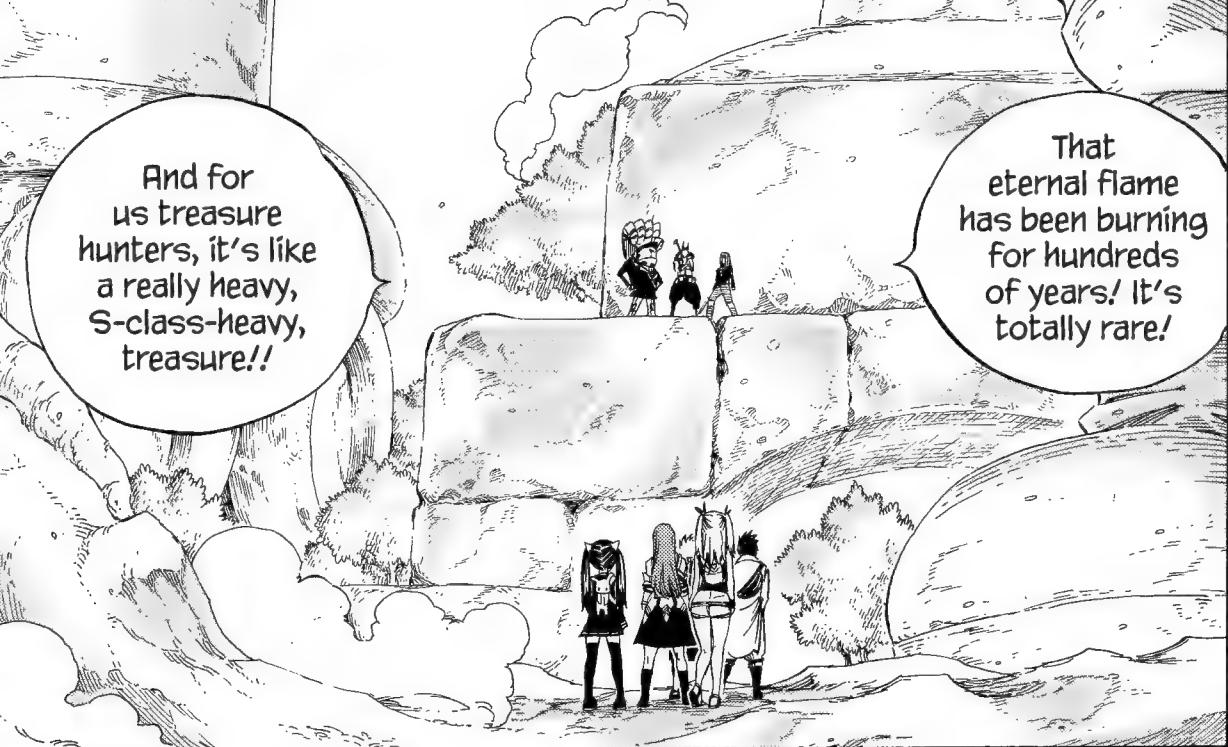






So you do wanna get in our way!!!!





DUUN!
DUUN!

So if somebody lets their stuff get taken, it's, like, so heavily their own fault!!!!

Treasure hunters are supposed to get their hands on treasure!!!!



I hate to break it to you, but that flame is trapped in a kind of ice that...



DUUN!

"Claim" ...?

Right!!
Let's go!!!

We can't stick around for this!!
Let's just claim the treasure before they can get in our way!!

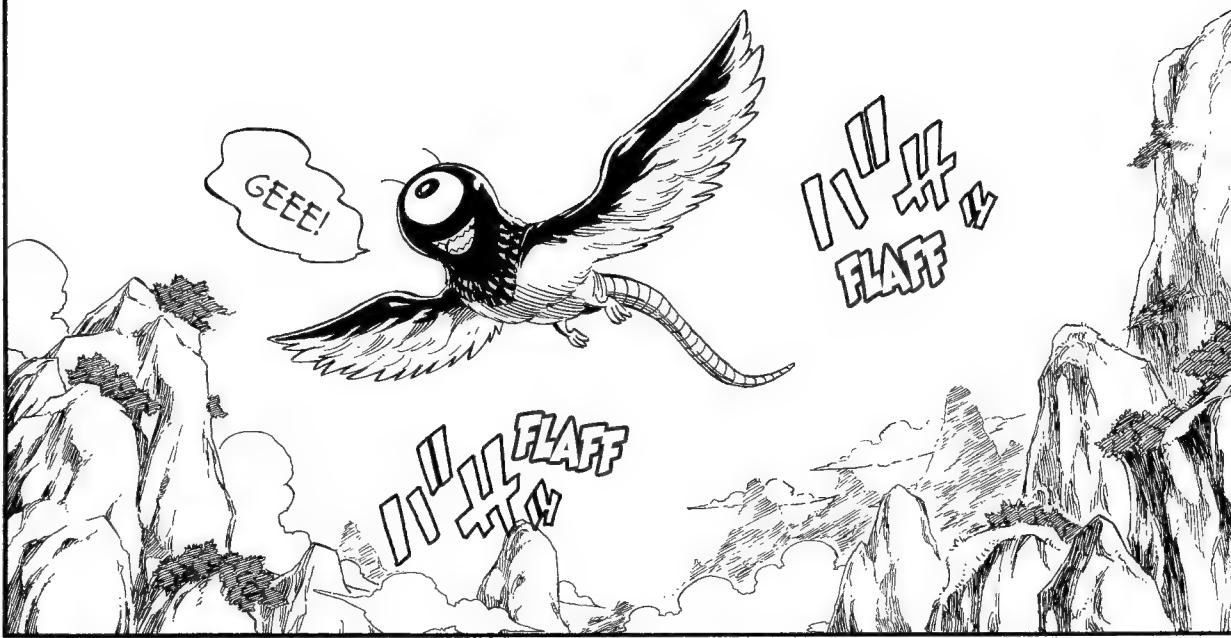
VOOM!!



We got this heavy secret potion, "Moon Drip," and it's heavy into melting all sorts of ice!!

Treasure hunters are heavy with the treasure-getting skills!!









You are
to call me,
"Princess."



FAIRY TAIL

Chapter 344: Wizards Vs. Hunters



SABER TOOTH

Name: **Sting Eucliffe** Age: 19 yrs.

Magic: **Dragon Slayer Magic**

Likes: Lecter, Natsu-san Dislikes: The old guild



Remarks

A member of the strongest guild, Saber Tooth. He teamed up with Rogue, and since both are dragon slayer wizards, they have become famous as the Twin Dragons. A long time ago, he was raised by the White Dragon, Weisslogia, who taught him dragon slayer magic. His goal was to defeat Natsu, and that feeling has led to his looking up to Natsu. After the Grand Magic Games, he became the leader of the Saber Tooth guild.

BOOM BOOM BOOM BOOM BOOM BOOM BOOM BOOM

We can rescue those giants with that "drip" that you got!!!

Stop right there!!!!

We had to go to this island that was heavy with all these demons, and to look so heavily hard!!!

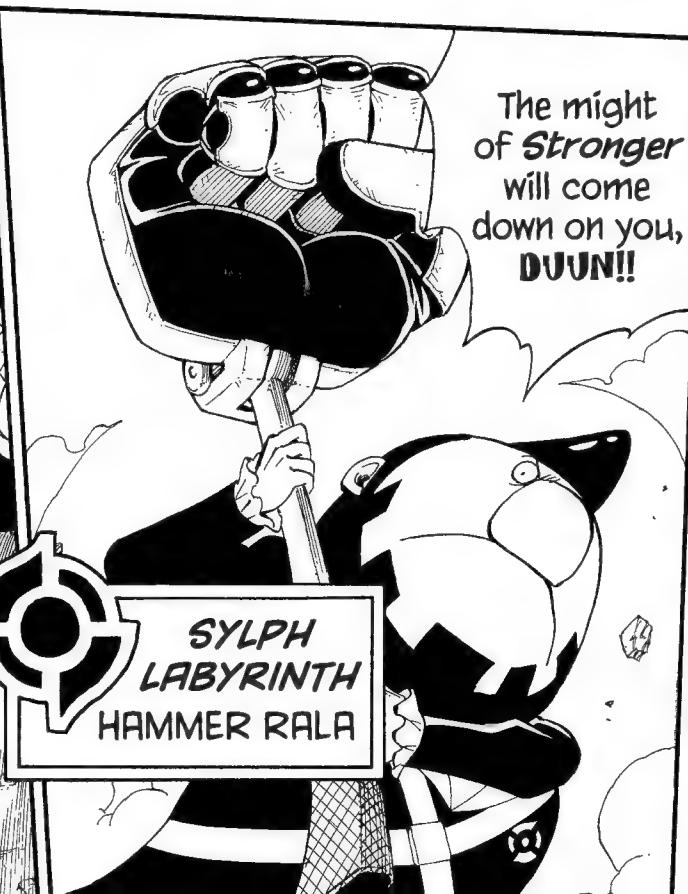
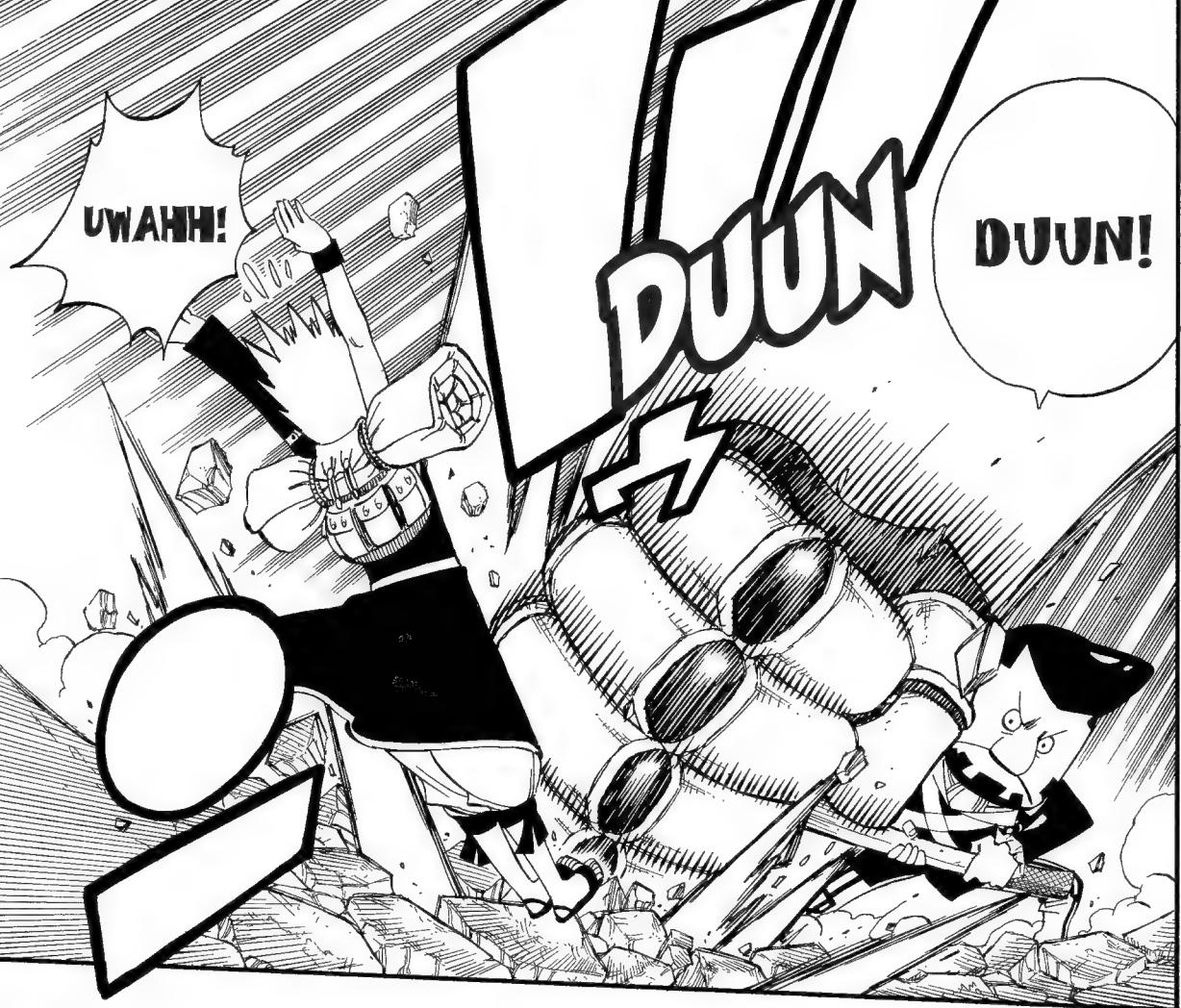
Besides, it's **DUUN** scary to bring those giants back to life!!!

Don't even joke about that!! You have no idea how hard it was to get our hands on Moon Drip!!









KABOOOM

KARYÙ NO
TEKKEN*
!!!!

*Fire Dragon's Iron Fist

GRIP

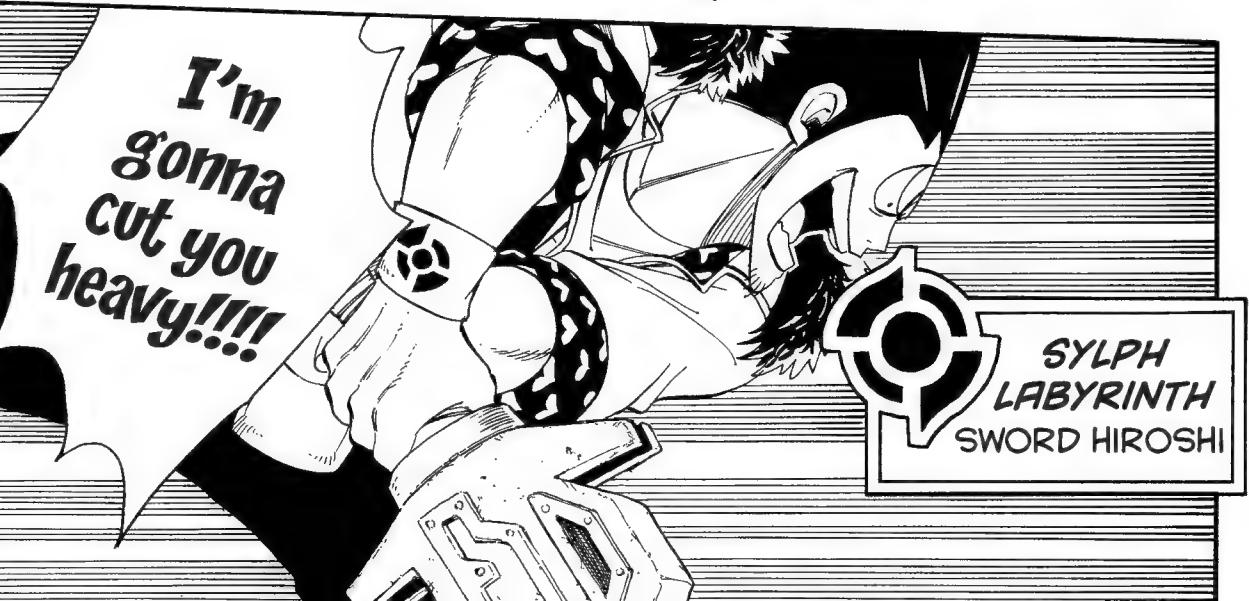
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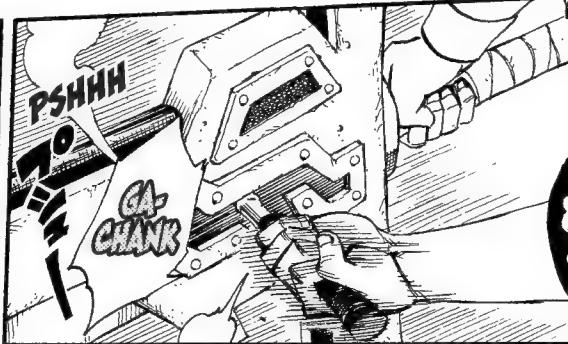
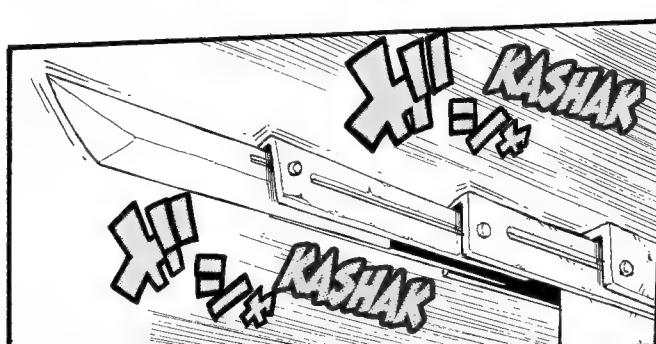


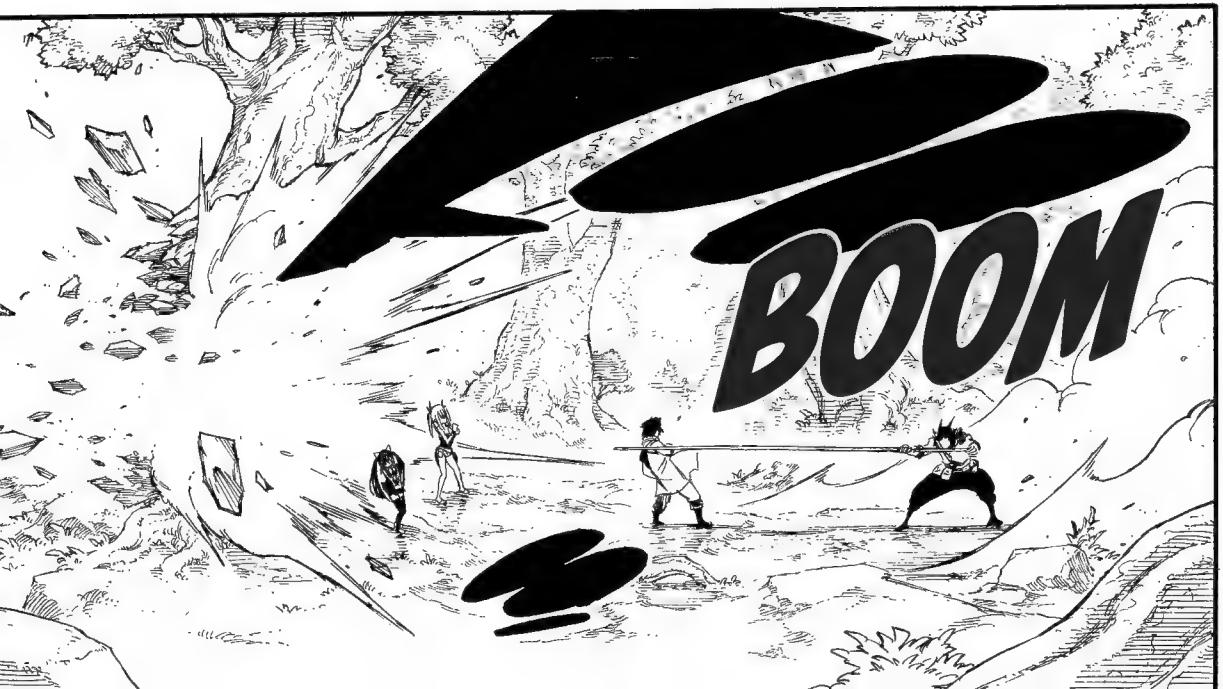
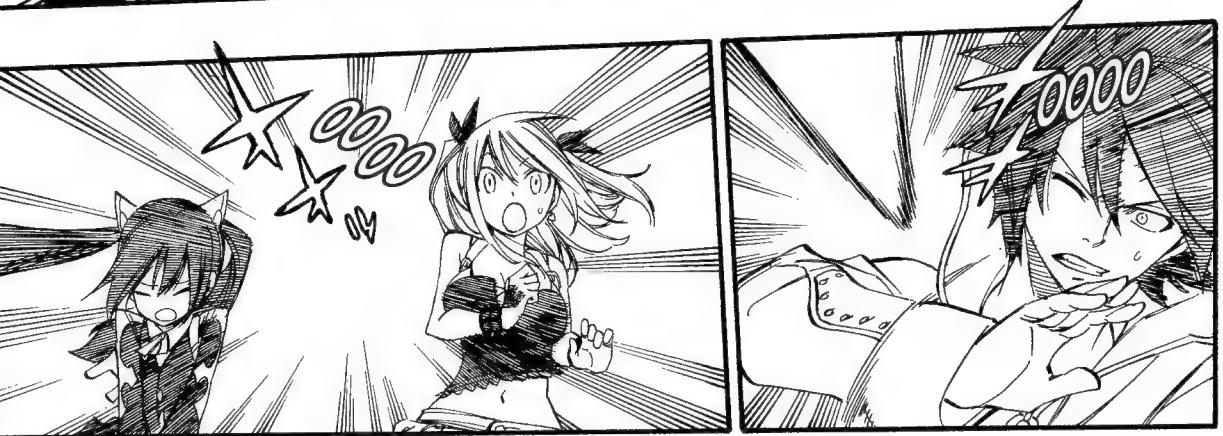
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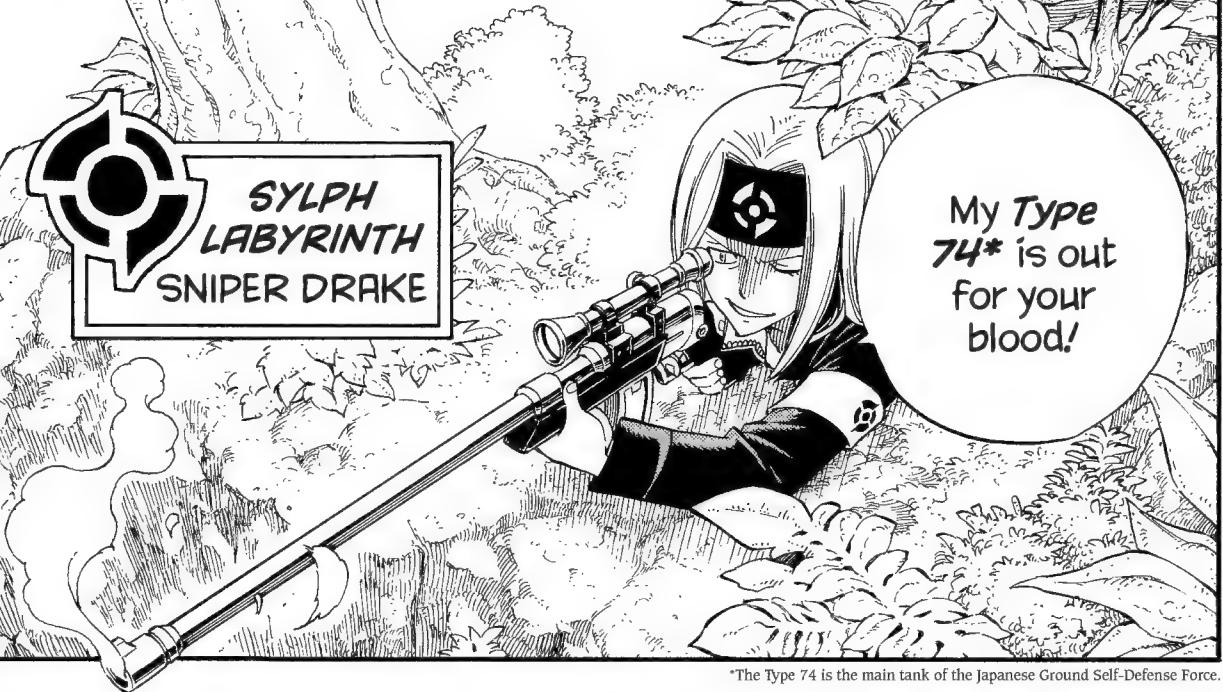




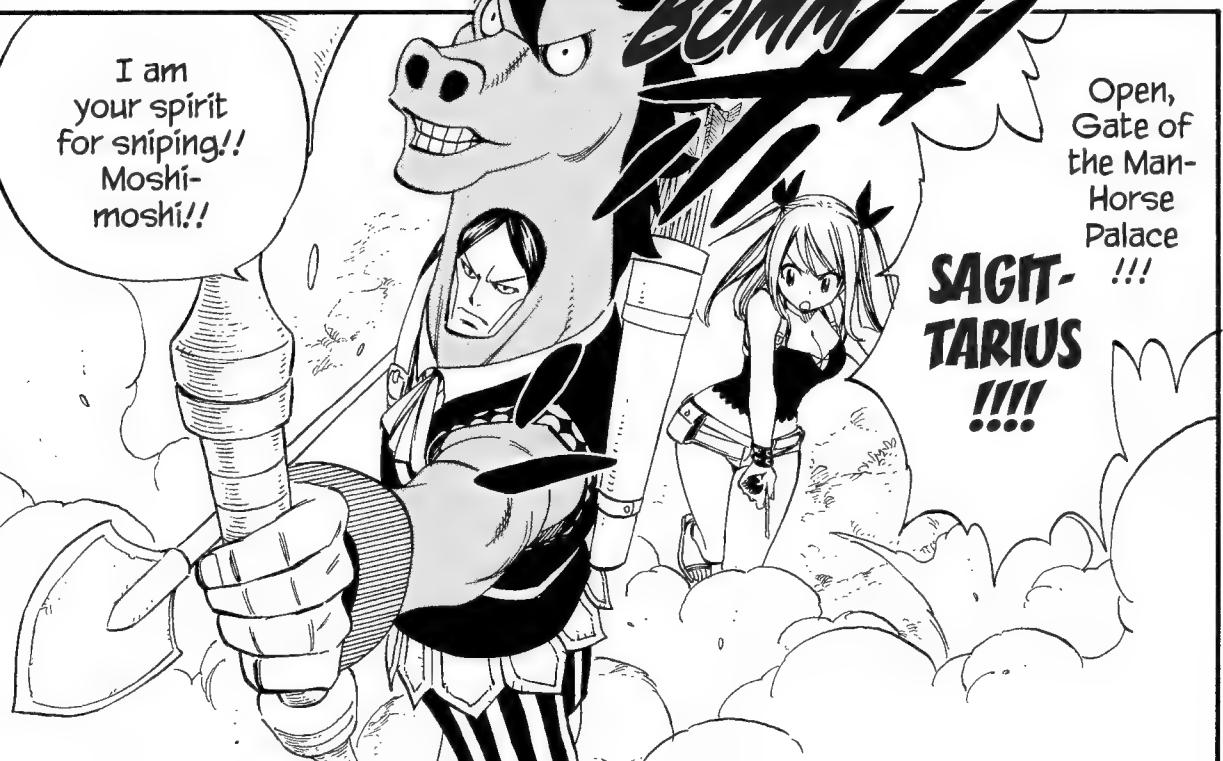


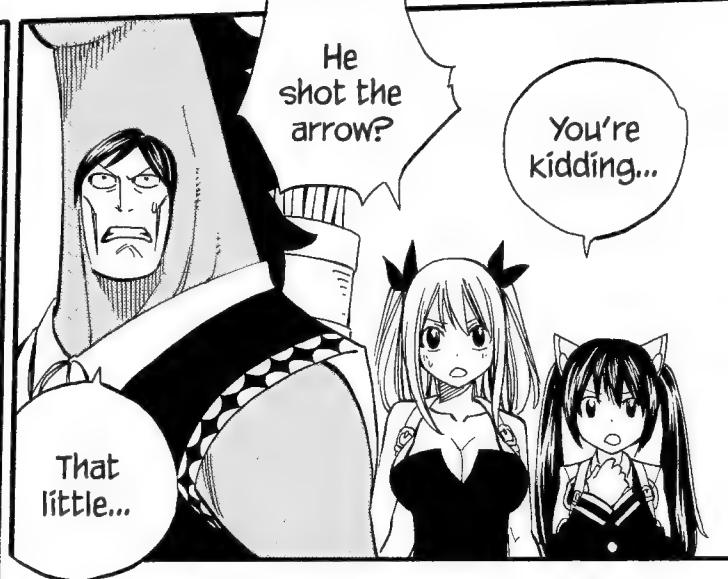
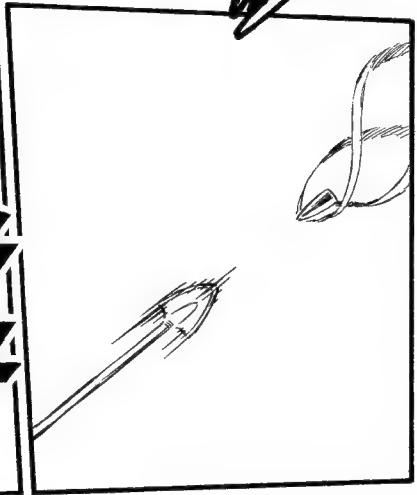






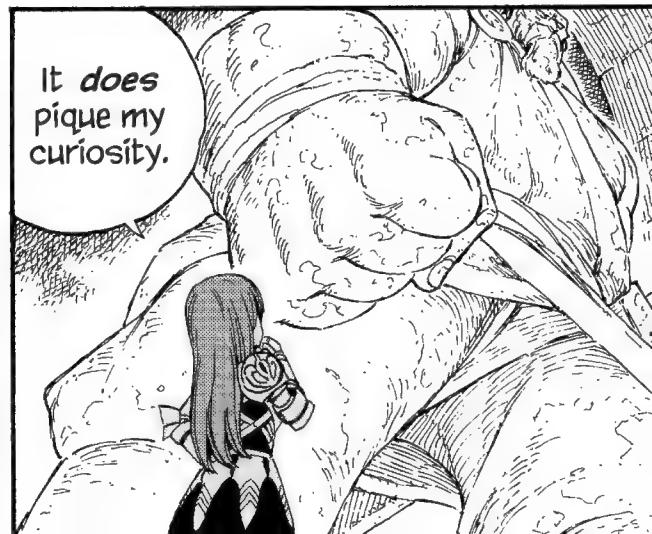
*The Type 74 is the main tank of the Japanese Ground Self-Defense Force.

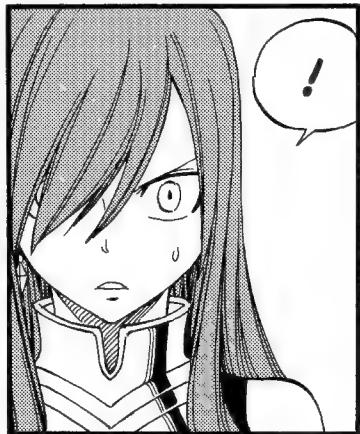
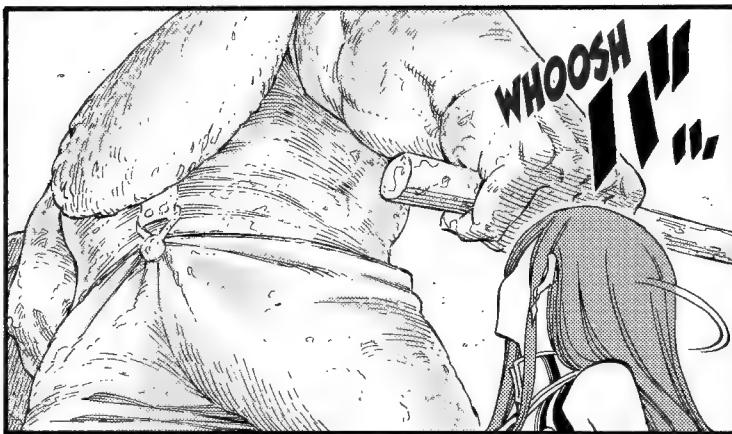


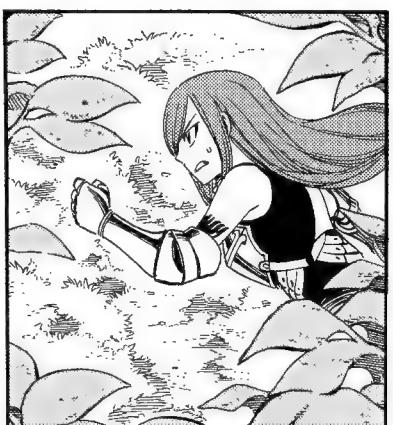




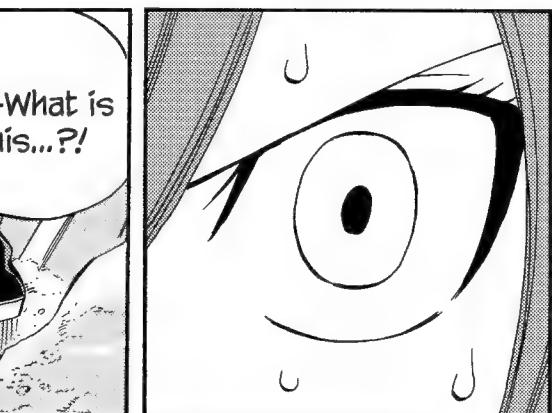
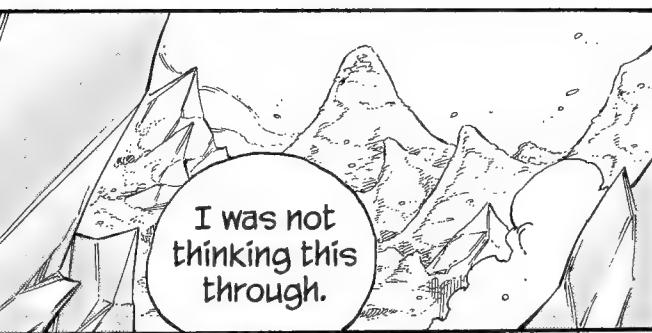


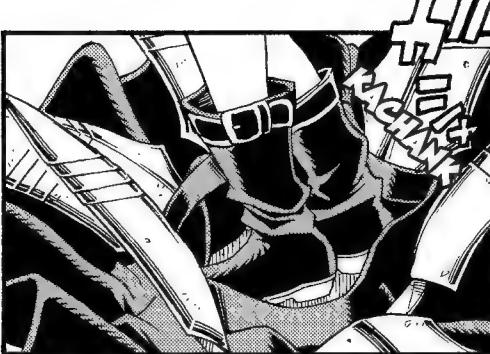










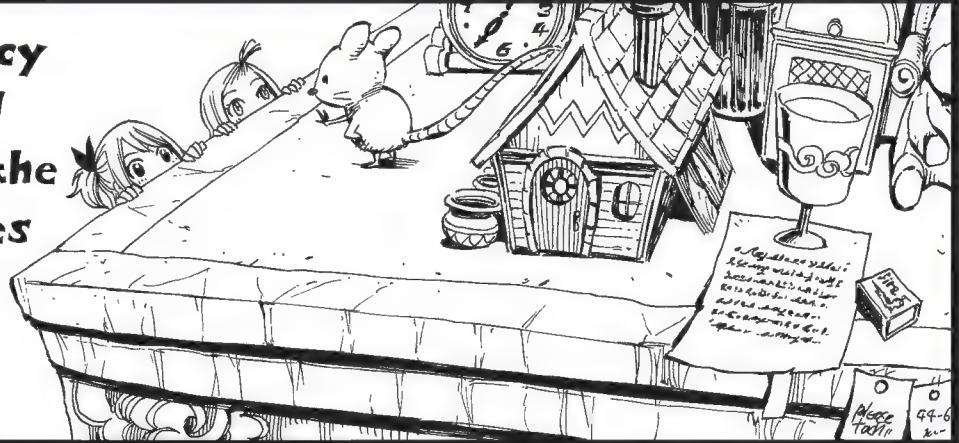


Afterword

The Grand Magic Games arc is over! And it was long! So long! I wonder how many characters made an appearance? I counted up to eighty, but afterwards, I just stopped counting. I'd like to explain it a little if you don't mind.

When we were planning chapter 337, "The Golden Grasslands," there was a disagreement. It was between "hard to understand" and "the feeling you get when something is hard to understand." In other words, it isn't an easy chapter to figure out. Normally a rule for shonen manga is that it should be easy to understand. And I'm always keeping that rule in mind when I make my stories. For just about every chapter, I'm always trying to twist ideas around in my mind to find ways to make difficult concepts easier to get. So what it came down to is the decision to make chapter 337 a "difficult to understand" chapter. Of the two opinions I mentioned above, we chose the latter. Well, we've been at this a long time, so it's not a bad idea to mix things up with a little of this kind of thing. So we're back to normal time, and where was that place that Future Lucy went to? I have an answer, but I've decided not to talk about it. Pick your own answer, and that'll be the correct one. Also chapters 338-343, six chapters, were all done in the magazine over the course of only two weeks. Now that was an undertaking, but the reaction was big and overwhelmingly positive, so I was really happy with that. If I get the chance, I'd like to do some more fun, special projects like that! By the way, in 338, there were Numbermen! (people who are numbered 1 – 8) hidden in there. Did you find them all?

Emergency Request! Explain the mysteries of F.T.



Somewhere in Magnolia...

LUCY: Hi, everybody!

MIRA: When our corner was missing from the last volume, I thought it was all over for us!

LUCY: Didn't we have a conversation like this before?

MIRA: Here's the first question of the column!

After seeing Makarov's and Ivan's HAIR I fear for Laxus's future.



LUCY: Awww...

 : I think he should just accept it as lost.

 : Hey! That's awful!

MIRA: I don't see much help for it.

LUCY: But isn't this something you really can't predict?

MIRA: I suppose. Come to think of it, there's me and Lisanna and Elfman. None of our hair matches the others.

LUCY: I get the feeling that your case is a little different from this, though.

MIRA: Now the next question.

Is there a key that calls the king of the Celestial Spirits?



 : Oh, yeah!! I want to know!!

MIRA: Even if there is, we can't talk about it here.

LUCY: Huh? Why is that?

 : Heh heh heh... Actually, I own it.

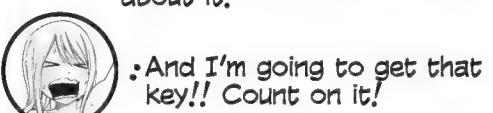
 : Whaaa...?!!

MIRA: I'm kidding, of course. What did you expect?

LUCY: Can we stop with the disjointed lies, please?

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MIRA: Such a thing may come up in the future, so look forward to hearing about it!



MIRA: I'll never give it to you.

LUCY: But you just said that you didn't have it!

MIRA: Next question!

I was really moved by that one minute that Ultear made. But wouldn't Future Rogue and the dragons have seen what happens in the minute too?



LUCY: I was running for my life at the time, so I didn't even notice it.

MIRA: Okay, this wasn't explained well enough in the course of the story, but Future Rogue and the dragons had all passed through time into a different era, right?

LUCY: Yes, that's right.

MIRA: And since they're people for whom time is already a bit warped, they didn't even feel the extra minute that Ultear had created.

LUCY: So it was a minute that only people who were from our particular timeline could feel.

MIRA: Yes. It's only a minute... But in that minute there were a lot of lives that got saved.

LUCY: I think...she was really heroic there.

MIRA: And now the last question for this column.

Was that scene where Lucy got nude really necessary?



 : It certainly was not necessary!!

 : Still, I predicted it in Volume 37, and it turned out just like I said!

LUCY: Come on!! It's because you say those stupid things that the author is then forced to draw the damned thing!

"Those stupid things" from Vol. 37, page 196.

MIRA: Yep! ♥ Actually, Lucy, Carla had a dream about you suddenly becoming nude in front of a huge number of people.

MIRA: About that... Many of our readers may not know this, but the magazine installments (in Weekly Shonen Magazine) are published far in advance of the graphic novel volumes.

LUCY: I think I kinda knew that.

MIRA: So when 37 was published, Lucy's nude scene had already appeared in the magazine. Or at least it had already been drawn.

 : So it wasn't Carla's prediction after all!!

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Doing this much with stippling is really impressive! That is cool ink work!



For a while, these three characters have made peace with their relationships. But what happens from here on out?

Aichi Prefecture, Misaki Sugawara



▲ This one's cute! Happy, what do you think you're doing?!

Nara Prefecture, Kaito Okuda



▲ Wendy with a little bit of sexiness is a good thing. The bunnies are cute too!

Niigata Prefecture, Pikapon-chan



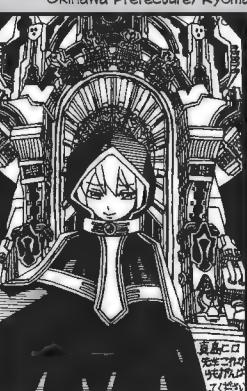
▲ This person did a great job representing the blacks and whites in the Hakuei-ryû (White Shadow Dragon).

Chiba Prefecture, Kôki Itsukida



▲ Celestial Spirits Assemble!! It must have been a lot of work drawing all of those spirits!

Mie Prefecture, Yûha Yamamoto



▲ That Eclipse Door is incredibly hard to draw, and he drew it... Gotta hand it to you.

Okinawa Prefecture, Ryôma



▲ Two of the main characters that influence an original story for the anime. Cobra and Kinana. Kind of nice, huh?

Aichi Prefecture, Minoru Fukui



▲ Whoa!! This one's cool!! It's hard to draw large eyes well!

Hiroshima Prefecture, Taichi Kobayashi



▲ Whoa!! This one's cool!! It's hard to draw large eyes well!

Okayama Prefecture, Kagura-love



▲ Kagura is so popular!! Someday I want her to come back!

Osaka, Queen



▲ Ah ha ha ha! I really love this drawing! Gildarts's character really comes out in it!

Hokkaido, Hai-chan

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WARROD



真島ヒロ



FROM HIRO MASAKI



This has become a really long series!
But it's still going on.
With this volume, the extremely
long Grand Magic Games comes to
an end, and we're already into a new
story! I plan to introduce a lot of new
characters too. Look for them!

Translation Notes:

Japanese is a tricky language for most Westerners, and translation is often more art than science. For your edification and reading pleasure, here are notes on some of the places where we could have gone in a different direction with our translation of the work, or where a Japanese cultural reference is used.

Page 23, Festival



All the elements on this page, except Plue and the cats, are commonly found in summertime festivals (*matsuri*) in Japan.

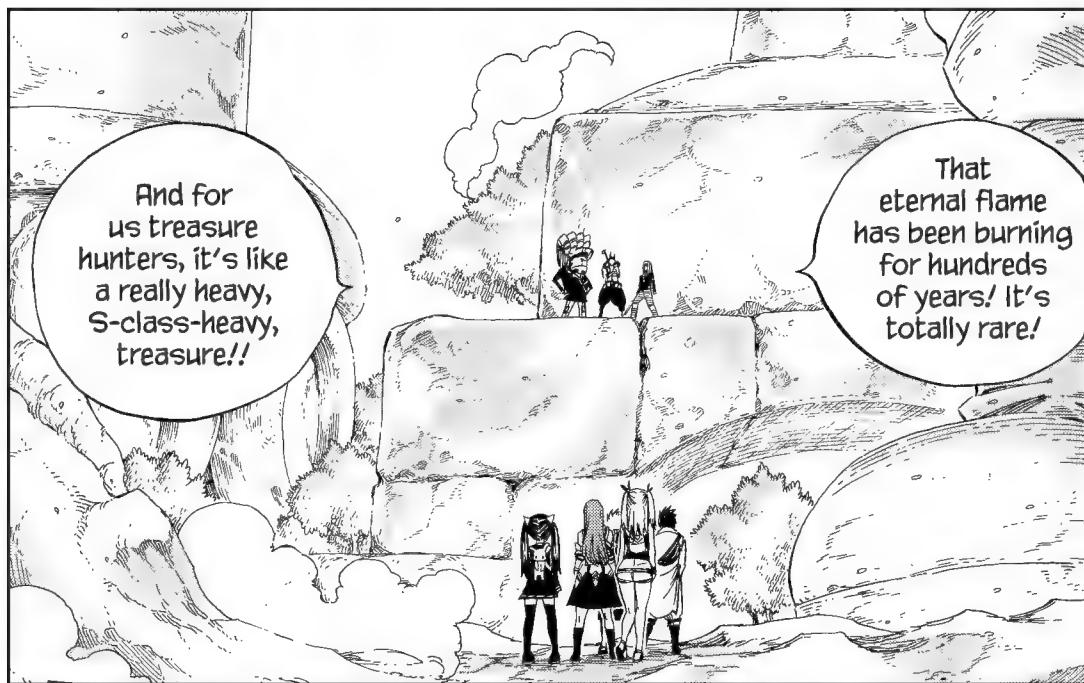
- All the cats are wearing the light cotton kimono called *yukata* while doing a dance around a pavilion at the center of the festival grounds that commonly hold the festival's organizers and the musical entertainment.

Going clockwise from the top...

- The festival of *Obon*, held in mid-August, often has fireworks.
- The round fan called an *uchiwa* is used to keep oneself cool.
- Some festival edible treats are fried squid on a stick, shaved ice, *takoyaki* (octopus balls), cotton candy, candied apples, and corn on the cob.
- The red painted *torii* archway is festooned with paper lanterns and a large banner with the *kanji* for *matsuri*, which means festival.
- Games at a festival include water-balloon yoyos, archery, target shooting, ring toss, and goldfish catching.
- In the upper left hand corner are common decorations found at festivals.

Page 169, Like, Heavy and Duun

Each of these three characters have certain speech patterns that identify them. To start with, the character codenamed Hammer Rala says, "Duun." He says that in Japanese too. The character codenamed Sniper Drake (the blonde) speaks like a standard but slightly dim high-school guy. The one codenamed Sword Hiroshi always uses the Japanese word *chō*, which means "very" in certain *kanji* compounds. I've replaced the word with "heavy," and used it in pretty much the same way he uses *chō*.



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